

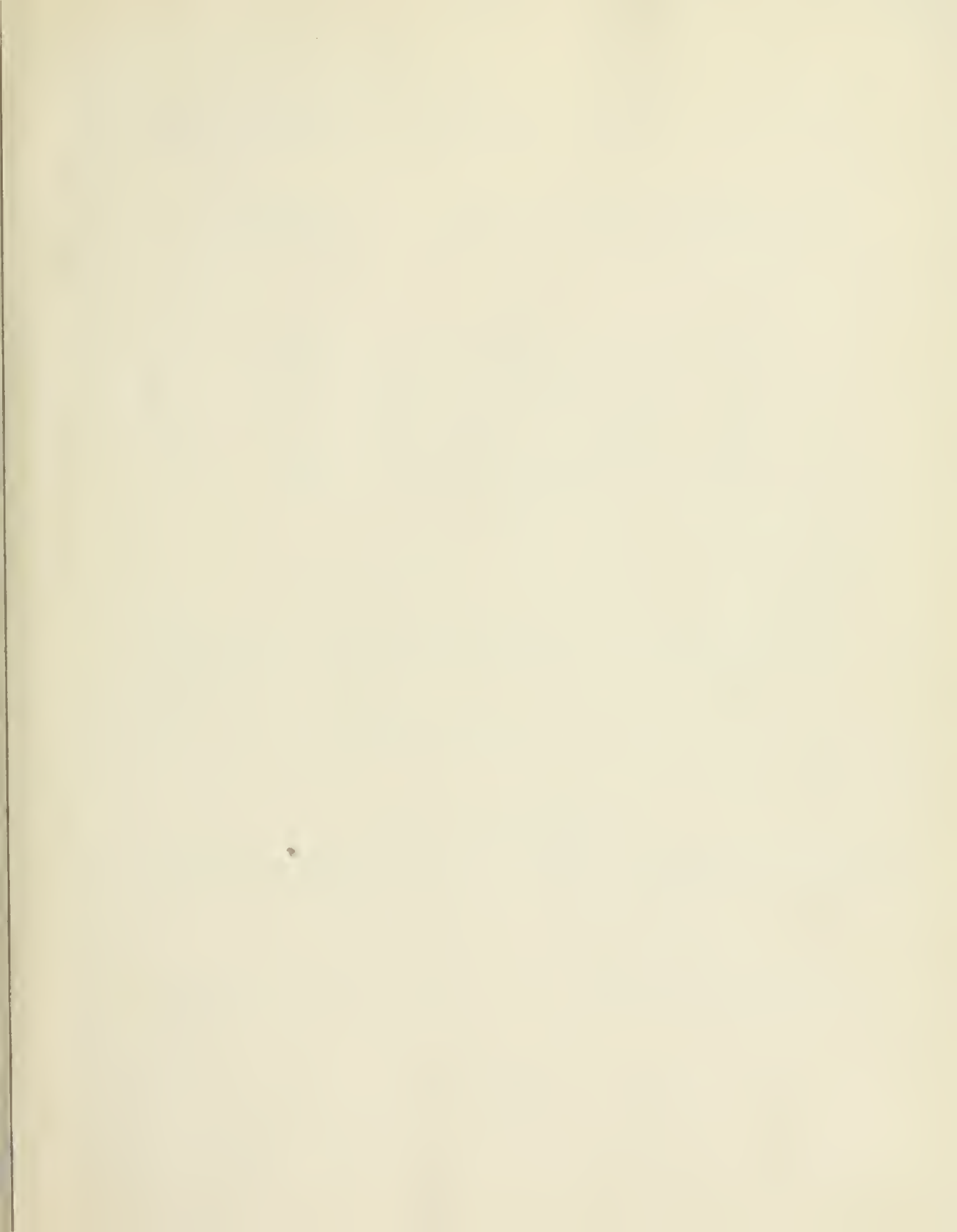




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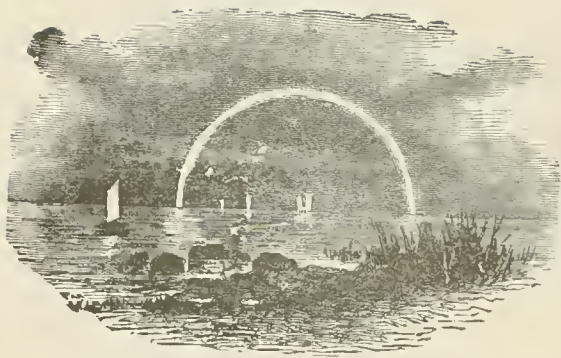
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THE greatest of English historians, MACAULAY, and one of the most brilliant writers of the present century, has said: "The history of a country is best told in a record of the lives of its people." In conformity with this idea the PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD of this county has been prepared. Instead of going to musty records, and taking therefrom dry statistical matter that can be appreciated by but few, our corps of writers have gone to the people, the men and women who have, by their enterprise and industry, brought the county to rank second to none among those comprising this great and noble State, and from their lips have the story of their life struggles. No more interesting or instructive matter could be presented to an intelligent public. In this volume will be found a record of many whose lives are worthy the imitation of coming generations. It tells how some, commencing life in poverty, by industry and economy have accumulated wealth. It tells how others, with limited advantages for securing an education, have become learned men and women, with an influence extending throughout the length and breadth of the land. It tells of men who have risen from the lower walks of life to eminence as statesmen, and whose names have become famous. It tells of those in every walk in life who have striven to succeed, and records how that success has usually crowned their efforts. It tells also of many, very many, who, not seeking the applause of the world, have pursued "the even tenor of their way," content to have it said of them as Christ said of the woman performing a deed of mercy—"they have done what they could." It tells how that many in the pride and strength of young manhood left the plow and the anvil, the lawyer's office and the counting-room, left every trade and profession, and at their country's call went forth valiantly "to do or die," and how through their efforts the Union was restored and peace once more reigned in the land. In the life of every man and of every woman is a lesson that should not be lost upon those who follow after.

Coming generations will appreciate this volume and preserve it as a sacred treasure, from the fact that it contains so much that would never find its way into public records, and which would otherwise be inaccessible. Great care has been taken in the compilation of the work and every opportunity possible given to those represented to insure correctness in what has been written, and the publishers flatter themselves that they give to their readers a work with few errors of consequence. In addition to the biographical sketches, portraits of a number of representative citizens are given.

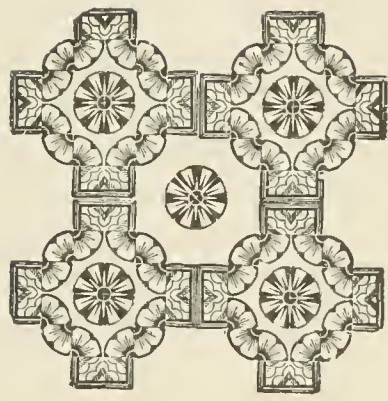
The faces of some, and biographical sketches of many, will be missed in this volume. For this the publishers are not to blame. Not having a proper conception of the work, some refused to give the information necessary to compile a sketch, while others were indifferent. Occasionally some member of the family would oppose the enterprise, and on account of such opposition the support of the interested one would be withheld. In a few instances men could never be found, though repeated calls were made at their residence or place of business.

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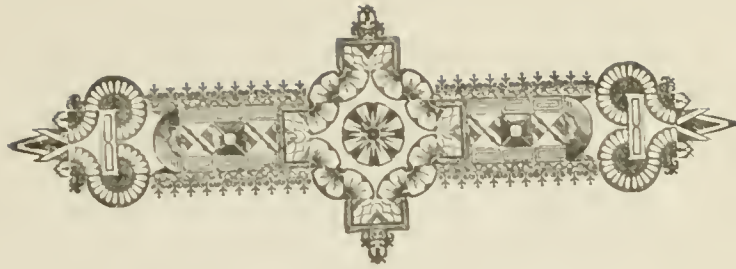
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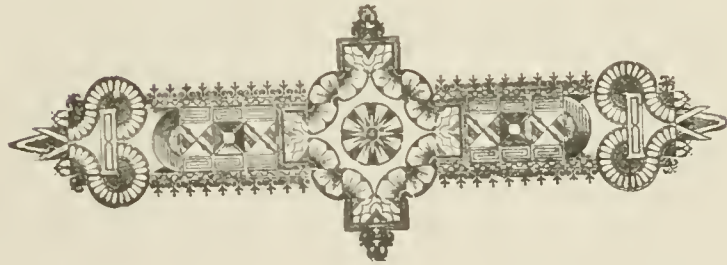
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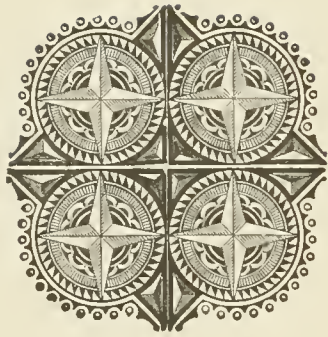
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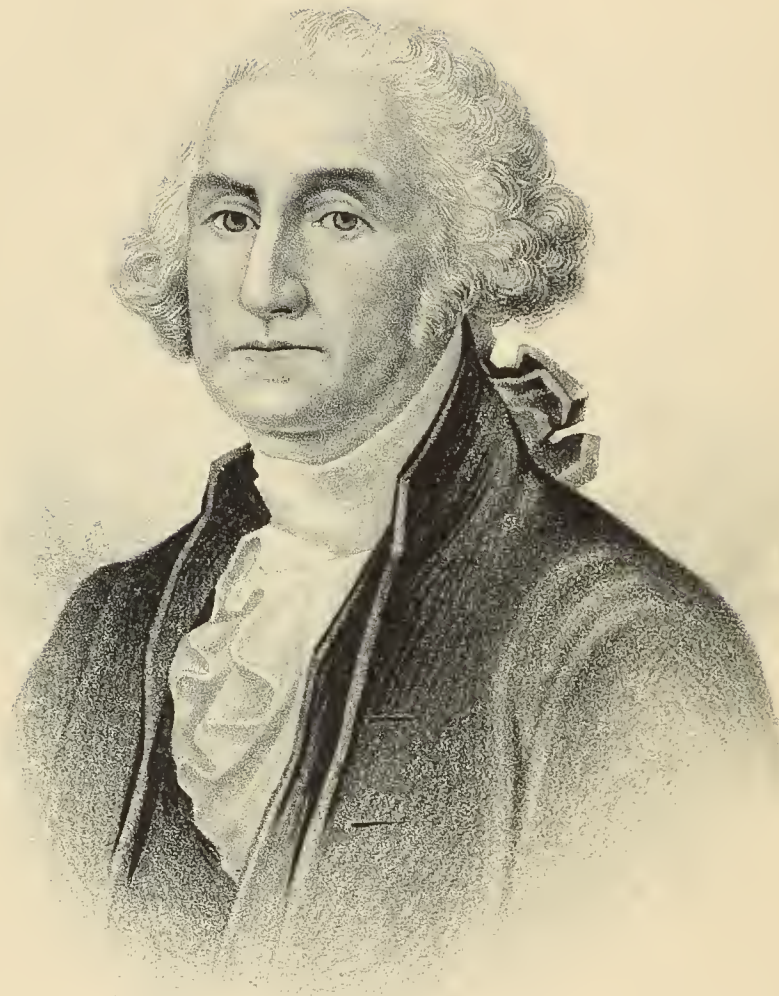


PRESIDENTS.









*George Washington*



# GEORGE WASHINGTON.

THE Father of our Country was born in Westmoreland County, Va., February 22, 1732. His parents were Augustine and Mary (Ball) Washington. The family to which he belonged has not been satisfactorily traced in England. His great-grandfather, John Washington, emigrated to Virginia about 1657, and became a prosperous planter. He had two sons, Lawrence and John. The former married Mildred Warner, and had three children, John, Augustine and Mildred. Augustine, the father of George, first married Jane Butler, who bore him four children, two of whom, Lawrence and Augustine, reached maturity. Of six children by his second marriage, George was the eldest, the others being Betty, Samuel, John Augustine, Charles and Mildred.

Augustine Washington, the father of George, died in 1743, leaving a large landed property. To his eldest son, Lawrence, he bequeathed an estate on the Potomac, afterwards known as Mt. Vernon, and to George he left the parental residence. George received only such education as the neighborhood schools afforded, save for a short time after he left school, when he received private instruction in mathematics. His spelling was rather defective. Remarkable stories are told of his great physical strength and development at an early age. He was an acknowledged leader among his companions, and was early noted for that nobleness of character, fairness and veracity which characterized his whole life.

When George was fourteen years old he had a desire to go to sea, and a midshipman's warrant was secured for him, but through the opposition of his mother the idea was abandoned. Two

years later he was appointed surveyor to the immense estate of Lord Fairfax. In this business he spent three years in a rough frontier life, gaining experience which afterwards proved very essential to him. In 1751, though only nineteen years of age, he was appointed Adjutant, with the rank of Major, in the Virginia militia, then being trained for active service against the French and Indians. Soon after this he sailed to the West Indies with his brother Lawrence, who went there to restore his health. They soon returned, and in the summer of 1752 Lawrence died, leaving a large fortune to an infant daughter, who did not long survive him. On her demise the estate of Mt. Vernon was given to George.

Upon the arrival of Robert Dinwiddie as Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia, in 1752, the militia was reorganized, and the province divided into four military districts, of which the northern was assigned to Washington as Adjutant-General. Shortly after this a very perilous mission, which others had refused, was assigned him and accepted. This was to proceed to the French post near Lake Erie, in northwestern Pennsylvania. The distance to be traversed was about six hundred miles. Winter was at hand, and the journey was to be made without military escort, through a territory occupied by Indians. The trip was a perilous one, and several times he nearly lost his life, but he returned in safety and furnished a full and useful report of his expedition. A regiment of three hundred men was raised in Virginia and put in command of Col. Joshua Fry, and Maj. Washington was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel. Active war was then begun against the French and Indians, in which Washington took

a most important part. In the memorable event of July 9, 1755, known as "Braddock's defeat," Washington was almost the only officer of distinction who escaped from the calamities of the day with life and honor.

Having been for five years in the military service, and having vainly sought promotion in the royal army, he took advantage of the fall of Ft. Duquesne and the expulsion of the French from the valley of the Ohio to resign his commission. Soon after he entered the Legislature, where, although not a leader, he took an active and important part. January 17, 1759, he married Mrs. Martha (Dandridge) Custis, the wealthy widow of John Parke Custis.

When the British Parliament had closed the port of Boston, the cry went up throughout the provinces, "The cause of Boston is the cause of us all!" It was then, at the suggestion of Virginia, that a congress of all the colonies was called to meet at Philadelphia September 5, 1774, to secure their common liberties, peaceably if possible. To this congress Col. Washington was sent as a delegate. On May 10, 1775, the congress re-assembled, when the hostile intentions of England were plainly apparent. The battles of Concord and Lexington had been fought, and among the first acts of this congress was the election of a commander-in-chief of the Colonial forces. This high and responsible office was conferred upon Washington, who was still a member of the congress. He accepted it on June 19, but upon the express condition that he receive no salary. He would keep an exact account of expenses, and expect congress to pay them and nothing more. It is not the object of this sketch to trace the military acts of Washington, to whom the fortunes and liberties of the people of this country were so long confided. The war was conducted by him under every possible disadvantage; and while his forces often met with reverses, yet he overcame every obstacle, and after seven years of heroic devotion and matchless skill he gained liberty for the greatest nation of earth. On December 23, 1783, Washington, in a parting address of surpassing beauty, resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the army to the

Continental Congress sitting at Annapolis. He retired immediately to Mt. Vernon and resumed his occupation as a farmer and planter, shunning all connection with public life.

In February, 1789, Washington was unanimously elected President, and at the expiration of his first term he was unanimously re-elected. At the end of this term many were anxious that he be re-elected, but he absolutely refused a third nomination. On March 4, 1797, at the expiration of his second term as President, he returned to his home, hoping to pass there his few remaining years free from the annoyances of public life. Later in the year, however, his repose seemed likely to be interrupted by war with France. At the prospect of such a war he was again urged to take command of the army, but he chose his subordinate officers and left them the charge of matters in the field, which he superintended from his home. In accepting the command, he made the reservation that he was not to be in the field until it was necessary. In the midst of these preparations his life was suddenly cut off. December 12 he took a severe cold from a ride in the rain, which, settling in his throat, produced inflammation, and terminated fatally on the night of the 14th. On the 18th his body was borne with military honors to its final resting-place, and interred in the family vault at Mt. Vernon.

Of the character of Washington it is impossible to speak but in terms of the highest respect and admiration. The more we see of the operations of our government, and the more deeply we feel the difficulty of uniting all opinions in a common interest, the more highly we must estimate the force of his talent and character, which have been able to challenge the reverence of all parties, and principles, and nations, and to win a fame as extended as the limits of the globe, and which we cannot but believe will be as lasting as the existence of man.

In person, Washington was unusually tall, erect and well proportioned, and his muscular strength was great. His features were of a beautiful symmetry. He commanded respect without any appearance of haughtiness, and was ever serious without being dull.





*John Adams*

# JOHN ADAMS.

JOHN ADAMS, the second President and the first Vice-President of the United States, was born in Braintree (now Quincy) Mass., and about ten miles from Boston, October 19, 1735. His great-grandfather, Henry Adams, emigrated from England about 1640, with a family of eight sons, and settled at Braintree. The parents of John were John and Susannah (Boylston) Adams. His father, who was a farmer of limited means, also engaged in the business of shoemaking. He gave his eldest son, John, a classical education at Harvard College. John graduated in 1755, and at once took charge of the school at Worcester, Mass. This he found but a "school of affliction," from which he endeavored to gain relief by devoting himself, in addition, to the study of law. For this purpose he placed himself under the tuition of the only lawyer in the town. He had thought seriously of the clerical profession, but seems to have been turned from this by what he termed "the frightful engines of ecclesiastical councils, of diabolical malice, and Calvinistic good nature," of the operations of which he had been a witness in his native town. He was well fitted for the legal profession, possessing a clear, sonorous voice, being ready and fluent of speech, and having quick perceptive powers. He gradually gained a practice, and in 1764 married Abigail Smith, a daughter of a minister, and a lady of superior intelligence. Shortly after his marriage, in 1765, the attempt at parliamentary taxation turned him from law to politics. He took initial steps toward holding a town meeting, and the resolutions he offered on the subject became very popular throughout the province, and were adopted word for word by over forty different towns. He moved to Boston in 1768, and became one of the most courageous and prominent advocates of the popular cause, and was chosen a member of the General Court (the Legislature) in 1770.

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gates from Massachusetts to the first Continental Congress, which met in 1774. Here he distinguished himself by his capacity for business and for debate, and advocated the movement for independence against the majority of the members. In May, 1776, he moved and carried a resolution in Congress that the Colonies should assume the duties of self-government. He was a prominent member of the committee of five appointed June 11 to prepare a declaration of independence. This article was drawn by Jefferson, but on Adams devolved the task of battling it through Congress in a three-days debate.

On the day after the Declaration of Independence was passed, while his soul was yet warm with the glow of excited feeling, he wrote a letter to his wife, which, as we read it now, seems to have been dictated by the spirit of prophecy. "Yesterday," he says, "the greatest question was decided that ever was debated in America; and greater, perhaps, never was or will be decided among men. A resolution was passed without one dissenting colony, 'that these United States are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states.' The day is passed. The Fourth of July, 1776, will be a memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to Almighty God. It ought to be solemnized with pomp, shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of the continent to the other, from this time forward forever. You will think me transported with enthusiasm, but I am not. I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure that it will cost to maintain this declaration and support and defend these States; yet, through all the gloom, I can see the rays of light and glory. I can see that the end is worth more than all the means, and that posterity will triumph,

although you and I may rue, which I hope we shall not."

In November, 1777, Mr. Adams was appointed a delegate to France, and to co-operate with Benjamin Franklin and Arthur Lee, who were then in Paris, in the endeavor to obtain assistance in arms and money from the French government. This was a severe trial to his patriotism, as it separated him from his home, compelled him to cross the ocean in winter, and exposed him to great peril of capture by the British cruisers, who were seeking him. He left France June 17, 1779. In September of the same year he was again chosen to go to Paris, and there hold himself in readiness to negotiate a treaty of peace and of commerce with Great Britain, as soon as the British cabinet might be found willing to listen to such proposals. He sailed for France in November, and from there he went to Holland, where he negotiated important loans and formed important commercial treaties.

Finally, a treaty of peace with England was signed, January 21, 1783. The re-action from the excitement, toil and anxiety through which Mr. Adams had passed threw him into a fever. After suffering from a continued fever and becoming feeble and emaciated, he was advised to go to England to drink the waters of Bath. While in England, still drooping and desponding, he received dispatches from his own government urging the necessity of his going to Amsterdam to negotiate another loan. It was winter, his health was delicate, yet he immediately set out, and through storm, on sea, on horseback and foot, he made the trip.

February 24, 1785, Congress appointed Mr. Adams envoy to the Court of St. James. Here he met face to face the King of England, who had so long regarded him as a traitor. As England did not condescend to appoint a minister to the United States, and as Mr. Adams felt that he was accomplishing but little, he sought permission to return to his own country, where he arrived in June, 1788.

When Washington was first chosen President, John Adams, rendered illustrious by his signal services at home and abroad, was chosen Vice-

President. Again, at the second election of Washington as President, Adams was chosen Vice-President. In 1796, Washington retired from public life, and Mr. Adams was elected President, though not without much opposition. Serving in this office four years, he was succeeded by Mr. Jefferson, his opponent in politics.

While Mr. Adams was Vice-President the great French Revolution shook the continent of Europe, and it was upon this point that he was at issue with the majority of his countrymen, led by Mr. Jefferson. Mr. Adams felt no sympathy with the French people in their struggle, for he had no confidence in their power of self-government, and he utterly abhorred the class of atheist philosophers who, he claimed, caused it. On the other hand, Jefferson's sympathies were strongly enlisted in behalf of the French people. Hence originated the alienation between these distinguished men, and the two powerful parties were thus soon organized, with Adams at the head of the one whose sympathies were with England, and Jefferson leading the other in sympathy with France.

The Fourth of July, 1826, which completed the half-century since the signing of the Declaration of Independence, arrived, and there were but three of the signers of that immortal instrument left upon the earth to hail its morning light. And, as it is well known, on that day two of these finished their earthly pilgrimage, a coincidence so remarkable as to seem miraculous. For a few days before Mr. Adams had been rapidly failing, and on the morning of the Fourth he found himself too weak to rise from his bed. On being requested to name a toast for the customary celebration of the day, he exclaimed "Independence forever!" When the day was ushered in by the ringing of bells and the firing of cannons, he was asked by one of his attendants if he knew what day it was? He replied, "O yes, it is the glorious Fourth of July—God bless it—God bless you all!" In the course of the day he said, "It is a great and glorious day." The last words he uttered were, "Jefferson survives." But he had, at one o'clock, resigned his spirit into the hands of his God.



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The early part of Mr. Jefferson's second administration was disturbed by an event which threatened the tranquillity and peace of the Union; this was the conspiracy of Aaron Burr. Defeated in the late election to the Vice-Presidency, and led on by an unprincipled ambition, this extraordinary man formed the plan of a military expedition into the Spanish territories on our southwestern frontier, for the purpose of forming there a new republic. This was generally supposed to have been a mere pretext; and although it has not been generally known what his real plans were, there is no doubt that they were of a far more dangerous character.

In 1809, at the expiration of the second term for which Mr. Jefferson had been elected, he determined to retire from political life. For a period of nearly forty years he had been continually before the public, and all that time had been employed in offices of the greatest trust and responsibility. Having thus devoted the best part of his life to the service of his country, he now felt desirous of that rest which his declining years required, and upon the organization of the new administration, in March, 1809, he bade farewell forever to public life and retired to Monticello, his famous country home, which, next to Mt. Vernon, was the most distinguished residence in the land.

The Fourth of July, 1826, being the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of American Independence, great preparations were made in every part of the Union for its celebration as the nation's jubilee, and the citizens of Washington, to add to the solemnity of the occasion, invited Mr. Jefferson, as the framer and one of the few surviving signers of the Declaration, to participate in their festivities. But an illness, which had been of several weeks' duration and had been continually increasing, compelled him to decline the invitation.

On the 2d of July the disease under which he was laboring left him, but in such a reduced state that his medical attendants entertained no hope of his recovery. From this time he was

perfectly sensible that his last hour was at hand. On the next day, which was Monday, he asked of those around him the day of the month, and on being told it was the 3d of July, he expressed the earnest wish that he might be permitted to breathe the air of the fiftieth anniversary. His prayer was heard—that day whose dawn was hailed with such rapture through our land burst upon his eyes, and then they were closed forever. And what a noble consummation of a noble life! To die on that day—the birthday of a nation—the day which his own name and his own act had rendered glorious, to die amidst the rejoicings and festivities of a whole nation, who looked up to him as the author, under God, of their greatest blessings, was all that was wanting to fill up the record of his life.

Almost at the same hour of his death, the kindred spirit of the venerable Adams, as if to bear him company, left the scene of his earthly honors. Hand in hand they had stood forth, the champions of freedom; hand in hand, during the dark and desperate struggle of the Revolution, they had cheered and animated their desponding countrymen; for half a century they had labored together for the good of the country, and now hand in hand they departed. In their lives they had been united in the same great cause of liberty, and in their deaths they were not divided.

In person Mr. Jefferson was tall and thin, rather above six feet in height, but well formed; his eyes were light, his hair, originally red, in after life became white and silvery, his complexion was fair, his forehead broad, and his whole countenance intelligent and thoughtful. He possessed great fortitude of mind as well as personal courage, and his command of temper was such that his oldest and most intimate friends never recollected to have seen him in a passion. His manners, though dignified, were simple and unaffected, and his hospitality was so unbounded that all found at his house a ready welcome. In conversation he was fluent, eloquent and enthusiastic, and his language was remarkably pure and correct. He was a finished classical scholar, and in his writings is discernible the care with which he formed his style upon the best models of antiquity.





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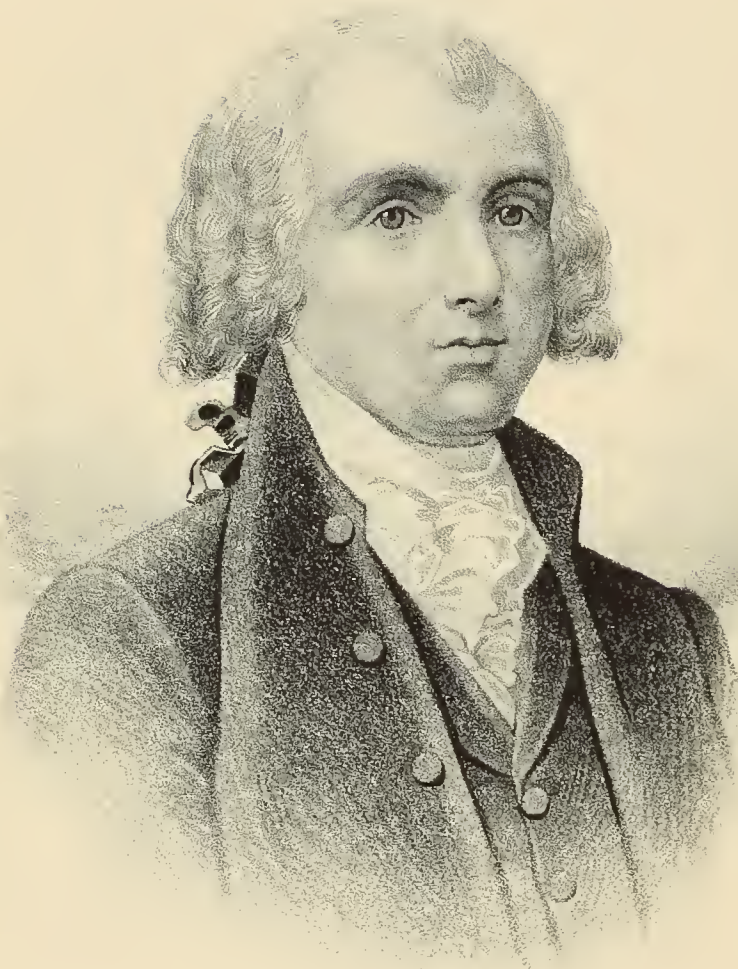
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# JAMES MADISON.

JAMES MADISON, "Father of the Constitution," and fourth President of the United States, was born March 16, 1757, and died at his home in Virginia June 28, 1836. The name of James Madison is inseparably connected with most of the important events in that heroic period of our country during which the foundations of this great republic were laid. He was the last of the founders of the Constitution of the United States to be called to his eternal reward.

The Madison family were among the early emigrants to the New World, landing upon the shores of the Chesapeake but fifteen years after the settlement of Jamestown. The father of James Madison was an opulent planter, residing upon a very fine estate called Montpelier, in Orange County, Va. It was but twenty-five miles from the home of Jefferson at Monticello, and the closest personal and political attachment existed between these illustrious men from their early youth until death.

The early education of Mr. Madison was conducted mostly at home under a private tutor. At the age of eighteen he was sent to Princeton College, in New Jersey. Here he applied himself to study with the most imprudent zeal, allowing himself for months but three hours' sleep out of the twenty-four. His health thus became so seriously impaired that he never recovered any vigor of constitution. He graduated in 1771, with a feeble body, but with a character of utmost purity, and a mind highly disciplined and richly stored with learning, which embellished and gave efficiency to his subsequent career.

Returning to Virginia, he commenced the study of law and a course of extensive and systematic reading. This educational course, the spirit of the times in which he lived, and the society with which he associated, all combined to inspire him with a strong love of liberty, and to train him for his life-work as a statesman.

In the spring of 1776, when twenty-six years of

age, he was elected a member of the Virginia Convention to frame the constitution of the State. The next year (1777), he was a candidate for the General Assembly. He refused to treat the whisky-loving voters, and consequently lost his election; but those who had witnessed the talent, energy and public spirit of the modest young man enlisted themselves in his behalf, and he was appointed to the Executive Council.

Both Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson were Governors of Virginia while Mr. Madison remained member of the Council, and their appreciation of his intellectual, social and moral worth contributed not a little to his subsequent eminence. In the year 1780 he was elected a member of the Continental Congress. Here he met the most illustrious men in our land, and he was immediately assigned to one of the most conspicuous positions among them. For three years he continued in Congress, one of its most active and influential members. In 1784, his term having expired, he was elected a member of the Virginia Legislature.

No man felt more deeply than Mr. Madison the utter inefficiency of the old confederacy, with no national government, and no power to form treaties which would be binding, or to enforce law. There was not any State more prominent than Virginia in the declaration that an efficient national government must be formed. In January, 1786, Mr. Madison carried a resolution through the General Assembly of Virginia, inviting the other States to appoint commissioners to meet in convention at Annapolis to discuss this subject. Five States only were represented. The convention, however, issued another call, drawn up by Mr. Madison, urging all the States to send their delegates to Philadelphia in May, 1787, to draft a Constitution for the United States, to take the place of the Confederate League. The delegates met at the time appointed. Every State but Rhode Island was represented. George Washing-

ton was chosen president of the convention, and the present Constitution of the United States was then and there formed. There was, perhaps, no mind and no pen more active in framing this immortal document than the mind and the pen of James Madison.

The Constitution, adopted by a vote of eighty-one to seventy-nine, was to be presented to the several States for acceptance. But grave solicitude was felt. Should it be rejected, we should be left but a conglomeration of independent States, with but little power at home and little respect abroad. Mr. Madison was elected by the convention to draw up an address to the people of the United States, expounding the principles of the Constitution, and urging its adoption. There was great opposition to it at first, but at length it triumphed over all, and went into effect in 1789.

Mr. Madison was elected to the House of Representatives in the first Congress, and soon became the avowed leader of the Republican party. While in New York attending Congress, he met Mrs. Todd, a young widow of remarkable power of fascination, whom he married. She was in person and character queenly, and probably no lady has thus far occupied so prominent a position in the very peculiar society which has constituted our republican court as did Mrs. Madison.

Mr. Madison served as Secretary of State under Jefferson, and at the close of his administration was chosen President. At this time the encroachments of England had brought us to the verge of war. British orders in council destroyed our commerce, and our flag was exposed to constant insult. Mr. Madison was a man of peace. Scholarly in his taste, retiring in his disposition, war had no charms for him. But the meekest spirit can be roused. It makes one's blood boil, even now, to think of an American ship brought to upon the ocean by the guns of an English cruiser. A young lieutenant steps on board and orders the crew to be paraded before him. With great nonchalance he selects any number whom he may please to designate as British subjects, orders them down the ship's side into his boat, and places them on the gundeck of his man-of-war, to fight, by compulsion, the battles of England. This right

of search and impressment no efforts of our Government could induce the British cabinet to relinquish.

On the 18th of June, 1812, President Madison gave his approval to an act of Congress declaring war against Great Britain. Notwithstanding the bitter hostility of the Federal party to the war, the country in general approved; and Mr. Madison, on the 4th of March, 1813, was re-elected by a large majority, and entered upon his second term of office. This is not the place to describe the various adventures of this war on the land and on the water. Our infant navy then laid the foundations of its renown in grappling with the most formidable power which ever swept the seas. The contest commenced in earnest by the appearance of a British fleet, early in February, 1813, in Chesapeake Bay, declaring nearly the whole coast of the United States under blockade.

The Emperor of Russia offered his services as mediator. America accepted; England refused. A British force of five thousand men landed on the banks of the Patuxet River, near its entrance into Chesapeake Bay, and marched rapidly, by way of Bladensburg, upon Washington.

The straggling little city of Washington was thrown into consternation. The cannon of the brief conflict at Bladensburg echoed through the streets of the metropolis. The whole population fled from the city. The President, leaving Mrs. Madison in the White House, with her carriage drawn up at the door to await his speedy return, hurried to meet the officers in a council of war. He met our troops utterly routed, and he could not go back without danger of being captured. But few hours elapsed ere the Presidential Mansion, the Capitol, and all the public buildings in Washington were in flames.

The war closed after two years of fighting, and on February 13, 1815, the treaty of peace was signed at Ghent. On the 4th of March, 1817, his second term of office expired, and he resigned the Presidential chair to his friend, James Monroe. He retired to his beautiful home at Montpelier, and there passed the remainder of his days. On June 28, 1836, at the age of eighty-five years, he fell asleep in death. Mrs. Madison died July 12, 1849.





*James Monroe*



# JAMES MONROE.

**J**AMES MONROE, the fifth President of the United States, was born in Westmoreland County, Va., April 28, 1758. His early life was passed at the place of his nativity. His ancestors had for many years resided in the province in which he was born. When he was seventeen years old, and in process of completing his education at William and Mary College, the Colonial Congress, assembled at Philadelphia to deliberate upon the unjust and manifold oppressions of Great Britain, declared the separation of the Colonies, and promulgated the Declaration of Independence. Had he been born ten years before, it is highly probable that he would have been one of the signers of that celebrated instrument. At this time he left school and enlisted among the patriots.

He joined the army when everything looked hopeless and gloomy. The number of deserters increased from day to day. The invading armies came pouring in, and the Tories not only favored the cause of the mother country, but disheartened the new recruits, who were sufficiently terrified at the prospect of contending with an enemy whom they had been taught to deem invincible. To such brave spirits as James Monroe, who went right onward undismayed through difficulty and danger, the United States owe their political emancipation. The young cadet joined the ranks and espoused the cause of his injured country, with a firm determination to live or die in her strife for liberty. Firmly, yet sadly, he shared in the melancholy retreat from Harlem Heights and White Plains, and accompanied the dispirited army as it fled before its foes through New Jersey. In four months after the Declaration of Independence, the patriots had been beaten in seven battles. At the battle of Trenton he led the vanguard, and in the act of charging upon the enemy he received a wound in the left shoulder.

As a reward for his bravery, Mr. Monroe was promoted to be captain of infantry, and, having recovered from his wounds, he rejoined the army. He, however, receded from the line of promotion by becoming an officer on the staff of Lord Sterling. During the campaigns of 1777 and 1778, in the actions of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth, he continued aide-de-camp; but becoming desirous to regain his position in the army, he exerted himself to collect a regiment for the Virginia line. This scheme failed, owing to the exhausted condition of the State. Upon this failure he entered the office of Mr. Jefferson, at that period Governor, and pursued with considerable ardor the study of common law. He did not, however, entirely lay aside the knapsack for the green bag, but on the invasion of the enemy served as a volunteer during the two years of his legal pursuits.

In 1782 he was elected from King George County a member of the Legislature of Virginia, and by that body he was elevated to a seat in the Executive Council. He was thus honored with the confidence of his fellow-citizens at twenty-three years of age, and having at this early period displayed some of that ability and aptitude for legislation which were afterward employed with unremitting energy for the public good, he was in the succeeding year chosen a member of the Congress of the United States.

Deeply as Mr. Monroe felt the imperfections of the old Confederacy, he was opposed to the new Constitution, thinking, with many others of the Republican party, that it gave too much power to the Central Government, and not enough to the individual States. Still he retained the esteem of his friends who were its warm supporters, and who, notwithstanding his opposition, secured its adoption. In 1789 he became a member of the United States Senate, which office he held for

four years. Every month the line of distinction between the two great parties which divided the nation, the Federal and the Republican, was growing more distinct. The differences which now separated them lay in the fact that the Republican party was in sympathy with France, and also in favor of such a strict construction of the Constitution as to give the Central Government as little power, and the State Governments as much power, as the Constitution would warrant; while the Federalists sympathized with England, and were in favor of a liberal construction of the Constitution, which would give as much power to the Central Government as that document could possibly authorize.

Washington was then President. England had espoused the cause of the Bourbons against the principles of the French Revolution. All Europe was drawn into the conflict. We were feeble and far away. Washington issued a proclamation of neutrality between these contending powers. France had helped us in the struggles for our liberties. All the despotisms of Europe were now combined to prevent the French from escaping from a tyranny a thousand-fold worse than that which we had endured. Col. Monroe, more magnanimous than prudent, was anxious that, at whatever hazard, we should help our old allies in their extremity. It was the impulse of a generous and noble nature, and Washington, who could appreciate such a character, showed his calm, serene, almost divine, greatness, by appointing that very James Monroe who was denouncing the policy of the Government, as the minister of that Government to the Republic of France. Mr. Monroe was welcomed by the National Convention in France with the most enthusiastic demonstration.

Shortly after his return to this country, Mr. Monroe was elected Governor of Virginia, and held the office for three years. He was again sent to France to co-operate with Chancellor Livingston in obtaining the vast territory then known as the province of Louisiana, which France had but shortly before obtained from Spain. Their united efforts were successful. For the comparatively small sum of fifteen millions of dollars, the

entire territory of Orleans and district of Louisiana were added to the United States. This was probably the largest transfer of real estate which was ever made in all the history of the world.

From France Mr. Monroe went to England to obtain from that country some recognition of our rights as neutrals, and to remonstrate against those odious impressments of our seamen. But England was unrelenting. He again returned to England on the same mission, but could receive no redress. He returned to his home and was again chosen Governor of Virginia. This he soon resigned to accept the position of Secretary of State under Madison. While in this office war with England was declared, the Secretary of War resigned, and during these trying times the duties of the War Department were also put upon him. He was truly the armor-bearer of President Madison, and the most efficient business man in his cabinet. Upon the return of peace he resigned the Department of War, but continued in the office of Secretary of State until the expiration of Mr. Madison's administration. At the election held the previous autumn, Mr. Monroe himself had been chosen President with but little opposition, and upon March 4, 1817, he was inaugurated. Four years later he was elected for a second term.

Among the important measures of his Presidency were the cession of Florida to the United States, the Missouri Compromise, and the famous "Monroe doctrine." This doctrine was enunciated by him in 1823, and was as follows: "That we should consider any attempt on the part of European powers to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety," and that "we could not view any interposition for the purpose of oppressing or controlling American governments or provinces in any other light than as a manifestation by European powers of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States."

At the end of his second term, Mr. Monroe retired to his home in Virginia, where he lived until 1830, when he went to New York to live with his son-in-law. In that city he died, on the 4th of July, 1831.





J. Q. Adams

## JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, the sixth President of the United States, was born in the rural home of his honored father, John Adams, in Quincy, Mass., on the 11th of July, 1767. His mother, a woman of exalted worth, watched over his childhood during the almost constant absence of his father. When but eight years of age, he stood with his mother on an eminence, listening to the booming of the great battle on Bunker's Hill, and gazing out upon the smoke and flames billowing up from the conflagration of Charlestown.

When but eleven years old he took a tearful adieu of his mother, to sail with his father for Europe, through a fleet of hostile British cruisers. The bright, animated boy spent a year and a-half in Paris, where his father was associated with Franklin and Lee as Minister Plenipotentiary. His intelligence attracted the notice of these distinguished men, and he received from them flattering marks of attention.

John Adams had scarcely returned to this country, in 1779, ere he was again sent abroad. Again John Quincy accompanied his father. At Paris he applied himself to study with great diligence for six months, and then accompanied his father to Holland, where he entered first a school in Amsterdam, then the University at Leyden. About a year from this time, in 1781, when the manly boy was but fourteen years of age, he was selected by Mr. Dana, our Minister to the Russian court, as his private secretary.

In this school of incessant labor and of ennobling culture he spent fourteen months, and then returned to Holland, through Sweden, Denmark, Hamburg and Bremen. This long journey he took alone in the winter, when in his sixteenth year. Again he resumed his studies, under a private tutor, at The Hague. Then, in the spring of 1782, he accompanied his father to Paris, traveling leisurely, and forming acquaintances with the most distinguished men on the continent, examin-

ing architectural remains, galleries of paintings, and all renowned works of art. At Paris he again became associated with the most illustrious men of all lands in the contemplation of the loftiest temporal themes which can engross the human mind. After a short visit to England he returned to Paris, and consecrated all his energies to study until May, 1785, when he returned to America to finish his education.

Upon leaving Harvard College at the age of twenty, he studied law for three years. In June, 1794, being then but twenty-seven years of age, he was appointed by Washington Resident Minister at the Netherlands. Sailing from Boston in July, he reached London in October, where he was immediately admitted to the deliberations of Messrs. Jay & Pinckney, assisting them in negotiating a commercial treaty with Great Britain. After thus spending a fortnight in London, he proceeded to The Hague.

In July, 1797, he left The Hague to go to Portugal as Minister Plenipotentiary. On his way to Portugal, upon arriving in London, he met with despatches directing him to the court of Berlin, but requesting him to remain in London until he should receive his instructions. While waiting he was married to an American lady, to whom he had been previously engaged—Miss Louisa Catherine Johnson, a daughter of Joshua Johnson, American Consul in London, and a lady endowed with that beauty and those accomplishments which eminently fitted her to move in the elevated sphere for which she was destined. He reached Berlin with his wife in November, 1797, where he remained until July, 1799, when, having fulfilled all the purposes of his mission, he solicited his recall.

Soon after his return, in 1802, he was chosen to the Senate of Massachusetts from Boston, and then was elected Senator of the United States for six years, from the 4th of March, 1804. His reputation, his ability and his experience placed

him immediately among the most prominent and influential members of that body.

In 1809, Madison succeeded Jefferson in the Presidential chair, and he immediately nominated John Quincy Adams Minister to St. Petersburg. Resigning his professorship in Harvard College, he embarked at Boston in August, 1809.

While in Russia, Mr. Adams was an intense student. He devoted his attention to the language and history of Russia; to the Chinese trade; to the European system of weights, measures and coins; to the climate and astronomical observations; while he kept up a familiar acquaintance with the Greek and Latin classics. In all the universities of Europe, a more accomplished scholar could scarcely be found. All through life the Bible constituted an important part of his studies. It was his rule to read five chapters every day.

On the 4th of March, 1817, Mr. Monroe took the Presidential chair, and immediately appointed Mr. Adams Secretary of State. Taking leave of his numerous friends in public and private life in Europe, he sailed in June, 1819, for the United States. On the 18th of August, he again crossed the threshold of his home in Quincy. During the eight years of Mr. Monroe's administration, Mr. Adams continued Secretary of State.

Some time before the close of Mr. Monroe's second term of office, new candidates began to be presented for the Presidency. The friends of Mr. Adams brought forward his name. It was an exciting campaign, and party spirit was never more bitter. Two hundred and sixty electoral votes were cast. Andrew Jackson received ninety-nine; John Quincy Adams eighty-four; William H. Crawford forty-one; and Henry Clay thirty-seven. As there was no choice by the people, the question went to the House of Representatives. Mr. Clay gave the vote of Kentucky to Mr. Adams, and he was elected.

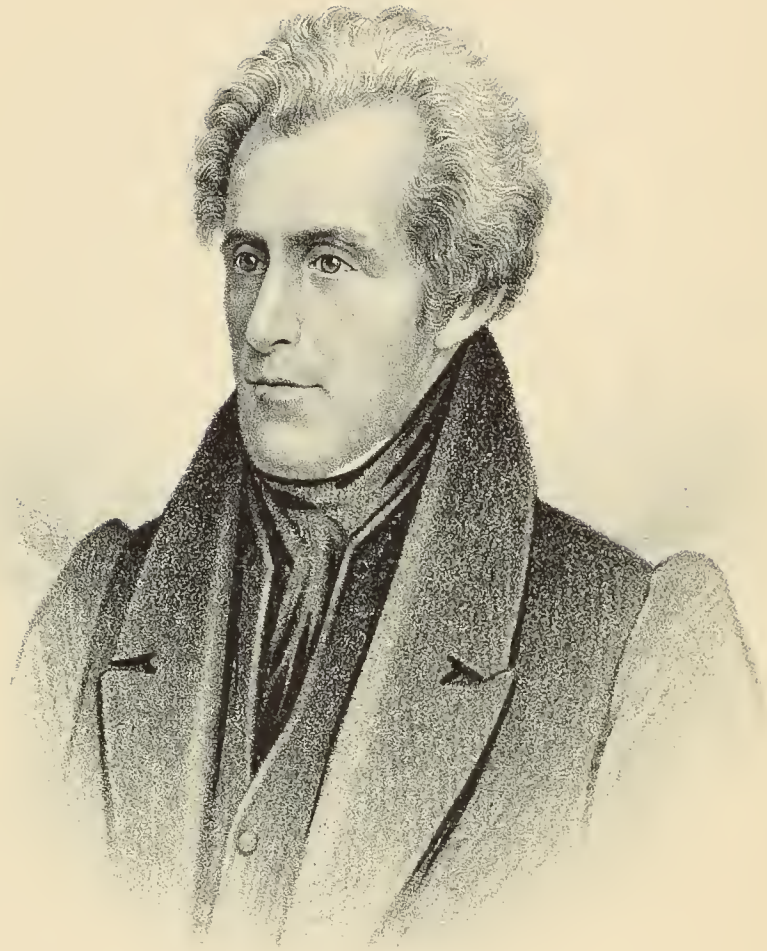
The friends of all the disappointed candidates now combined in a venomous and persistent assault upon Mr. Adams. There is nothing more disgraceful in the past history of our country than the abuse which was poured in one uninterrupted stream upon this high-minded, upright and pa-

triotic man. There never was an administration more pure in principles, more conscientiously devoted to the best interests of the country, than that of John Quincy Adams; and never, perhaps, was there an administration more unscrupulously and outrageously assailed.

On the 4th of March, 1829, Mr. Adams retired from the Presidency, and was succeeded by Andrew Jackson. John C. Calhoun was elected Vice-President. The slavery question now began to assume portentous magnitude. Mr. Adams returned to Quincy and to his studies, which he pursued with unabated zeal. But he was not long permitted to remain in retirement. In November, 1830, he was elected Representative in Congress. For seventeen years, or until his death, he occupied the post as Representative, towering above all his peers, ever ready to do brave battle for freedom, and winning the title of "the Old Man Eloquent." Upon taking his seat in the House, he announced that he should hold himself bound to no party. Probably there never was a member more devoted to his duties. He was usually the first in his place in the morning, and the last to leave his seat in the evening. Not a measure could be brought forward and escape his scrutiny. The battle which Mr. Adams fought, almost singly, against the pro-slavery party in the Government was sublime in its moral daring and heroism. For persisting in presenting petitions for the abolition of slavery, he was threatened with indictment by the grand jury, with expulsion from the House, with assassination; but no threats could intimidate him, and his final triumph was complete.

On the 21st of February, 1848, he rose on the floor of Congress with a paper in his hand, to address the speaker. Suddenly he fell, again stricken by paralysis, and was caught in the arms of those around him. For a time he was senseless, as he was conveyed to the sofa in the rotunda. With reviving consciousness, he opened his eyes, looked calmly around and said "This is the end of earth;" then after a moment's pause he added, "I am content." These were the last words of the grand "Old Man Eloquent."





Andrew Jackson



# ANDREW JACKSON.

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**A**NDREW JACKSON, the seventh President of the United States, was born in Waxhaw settlement, N. C., March 15, 1767, a few days after his father's death. His parents were poor emigrants from Ireland, and took up their abode in Waxhaw settlement, where they lived in deepest poverty.

Andrew, or Andy, as he was universally called, grew up a very rough, rude, turbulent boy. His features were coarse, his form ungainly, and there was but very little in his character made visible which was attractive.

When only thirteen years old he joined the volunteers of Carolina against the British invasion. In 1781, he and his brother Robert were captured and imprisoned for a time at Camden. A British officer ordered him to brush his mud-spattered boots. "I am a prisoner of war, not your servant," was the reply of the dauntless boy.

Andrew supported himself in various ways, such as working at the saddler's trade, teaching school, and clerking in a general store, until 1784, when he entered a law office at Salisbury, N. C. He, however, gave more attention to the wild amusements of the times than to his studies. In 1788, he was appointed solicitor for the Western District of North Carolina, of which Tennessee was then a part. This involved many long journeys amid dangers of every kind, but Andrew Jackson never knew fear, and the Indians had no desire to repeat a skirmish with "Sharp Knife."

In 1791, Mr. Jackson was married to a woman who supposed herself divorced from her former husband. Great was the surprise of both parties, two years later, to find that the conditions of the divorce had just been definitely settled by the first husband. The marriage ceremony was performed a second time, but the occurrence was often used by his enemies to bring Mr. Jackson into disfavor.

In January, 1796, the Territory of Tennessee then containing nearly eighty thousand inhabitants, the people met in convention at Knoxville to frame a constitution. Five were sent from each of the eleven counties. Andrew Jackson was one of the delegates. The new State was entitled to but one member in the National House of Representatives. Andrew Jackson was chosen that member. Mounting his horse, he rode to Philadelphia, where Congress then held its sessions, a distance of about eight hundred miles.

Jackson was an earnest advocate of the Democratic party, and Jefferson was his idol. He admired Bonaparte, loved France, and hated England. As Mr. Jackson took his seat, Gen. Washington, whose second term of office was then expiring, delivered his last speech to Congress. A committee drew up a complimentary address in reply. Andrew Jackson did not approve of the address, and was one of the twelve who voted against it. He was not willing to say that Gen. Washington's administration had been "wise, firm and patriotic."

Mr. Jackson was elected to the United States Senate in 1797, but soon resigned and returned home. Soon after he was chosen Judge of the Supreme Court of his State, which position he held for six years.

When the War of 1812 with Great Britain commenced, Madison occupied the Presidential chair. Aaron Burr sent word to the President that there was an unknown man in the West, Andrew Jackson, who would do credit to a commission if one were conferred upon him. Just at that time Gen. Jackson offered his services and those of twenty-five hundred volunteers. His offer was accepted, and the troops were assembled at Nashville.

As the British were hourly expected to make an attack upon New Orleans, where Gen. Wilkinson was in command, he was ordered to de-

scend the river with fifteen hundred troops to aid Wilkinson. The expedition reached Natchez, and after a delay of several weeks there without accomplishing anything, the men were ordered back to their homes. But the energy Gen. Jackson had displayed, and his entire devotion to the comfort of his soldiers, won for him golden opinions, and he became the most popular man in the State. It was in this expedition that his toughness gave him the nickname of "Old Hickory."

Soon after this, while attempting to horsewhip Col. Thomas Benton for a remark that gentleman made about his taking part as second in a duel in which a younger brother of Benton's was engaged, he received two severe pistol wounds. While he was lingering upon a bed of suffering, news came that the Indians, who had combined under Tecumseh from Florida to the Lakes to exterminate the white settlers, were committing the most awful ravages. Decisive action became necessary. Gen. Jackson, with his fractured bone just beginning to heal, his arm in a sling, and unable to mount his horse without assistance, gave his amazing energies to the raising of an army to rendezvous at Fayetteville, Ala.

The Creek Indians had established a strong fort on one of the bends of the Tallapoosa River, near the center of Alabama, about fifty miles below Ft. Strother. With an army of two thousand men, Gen. Jackson traversed the pathless wilderness in a march of eleven days. He reached their fort, called Tohopeka or Horse-shoe, on the 27th of March, 1814. The bend of the river enclosed nearly one hundred acres of tangled forest and wild ravine. Across the narrow neck the Indians had constructed a formidable breastwork of logs and brush. Here nine hundred warriors, with an ample supply of arms, were assembled.

The fort was stormed. The fight was utterly desperate. Not an Indian would accept quarter. When bleeding and dying, they would fight those who endeavored to spare their lives. From ten in the morning until dark the battle raged. The carnage was awful and revolting. Some threw themselves into the river; but the unerring bullets struck their heads as they swam. Nearly every one of the nine hundred warriors was

killed. A few, probably, in the night swam the river and escaped. This ended the war.

This closing of the Creek War enabled us to concentrate all our militia upon the British, who were the allies of the Indians. No man of less resolute will than Gen. Jackson could have conducted this Indian campaign to so successful an issue. Immediately he was appointed Major-General.

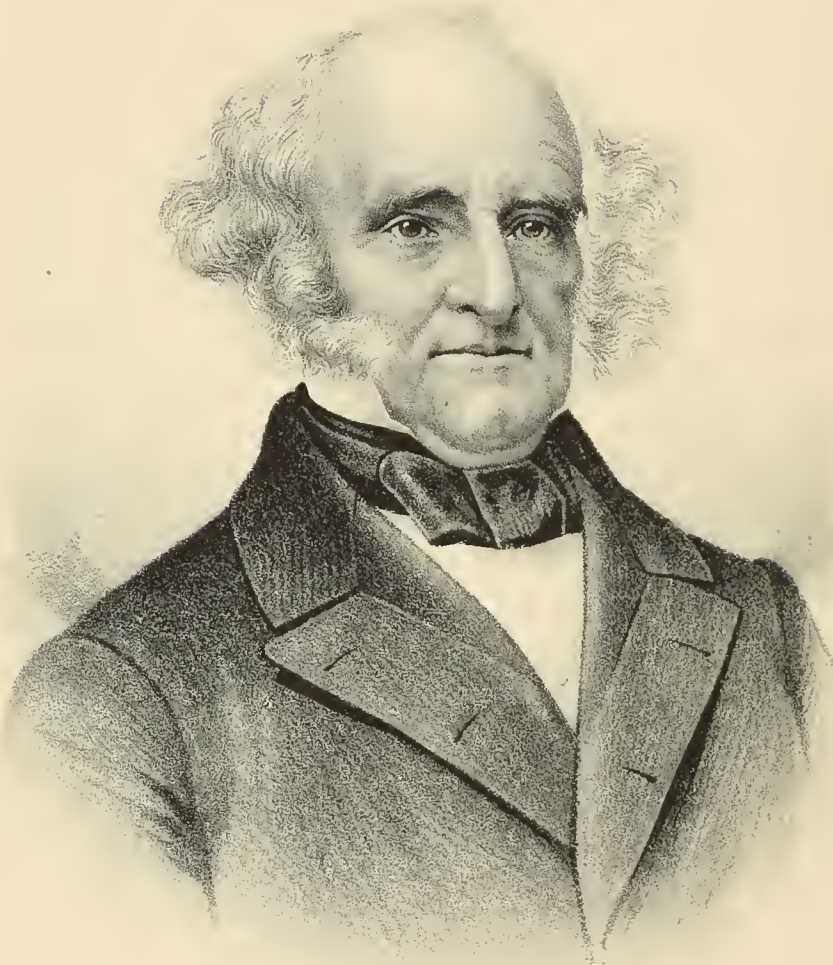
Late in August, with an army of two thousand men on a rushing march, Gen. Jackson went to Mobile. A British fleet went from Pensacola, landed a force upon the beach, anchored near the little fort, and from both ship and shore commenced a furious assault. The battle was long and doubtful. At length one of the ships was blown up and the rest retired.

Garrisoning Mobile, where he had taken his little army, he moved his troops to New Orleans, and the battle of New Orleans, which soon ensued, was in reality a very arduous campaign. This won for Gen. Jackson an imperishable name. Here his troops, which numbered about four thousand men, won a signal victory over the British army of about nine thousand. His loss was but thirteen, while the loss of the British was twenty-six hundred.

The name of Gen. Jackson soon began to be mentioned in connection with the Presidency, but in 1824 he was defeated by Mr. Adams. He was, however, successful in the election of 1828, and was re-elected for a second term in 1832. In 1829, just before he assumed the reins of government, he met with the most terrible affliction of his life in the death of his wife, whom he had loved with a devotion which has perhaps never been surpassed. From the shock of her death he never recovered.

His administration was one of the most memorable in the annals of our country—applauded by one party, condemned by the other. No man had more bitter enemies or warmer friends. At the expiration of his two terms of office he retired to the Hermitage, where he died June 8, 1845. The last years of Mr. Jackson's life were those of a devoted Christian man.





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## MARTIN VAN BUREN.

**M**A RTIN VAN BUREN, the eighth President of the United States, was born at Kinderhook, N. Y., December 5, 1782. He died at the same place, July 24, 1862. His body rests in the cemetery at Kinderhook. Above it is a plain granite shaft, fifteen feet high, bearing a simple inscription about half-way up on one face. The lot is unfenced, unbordered or unbounded by shrub or flower.

There is but little in the life of Martin Van Buren of romantic interest. He fought no battles, engaged in no wild adventures. Though his life was stormy in political and intellectual conflicts, and he gained many signal victories, his days passed uneventful in those incidents which give zest to biography. His ancestors, as his name indicates, were of Dutch origin, and were among the earliest emigrants from Holland to the banks of the Hudson. His father was a farmer, residing in the old town of Kinderhook. His mother, also of Dutch lineage, was a woman of superior intelligence and exemplary piety.

He was decidedly a precocious boy, developing unusual activity, vigor and strength of mind. At the age of fourteen, he had finished his academic studies in his native village, and commenced the study of law. As he had not a collegiate education, seven years of study in a law-office were required of him before he could be admitted to the Bar. Inspired with a lofty ambition, and conscious of his powers, he pursued his studies with indefatigable industry. After spending six years in an office in his native village, he went to the city of New York, and prosecuted his studies for the seventh year.

In 1803, Mr. Van Buren, then twenty-one years

of age, commenced the practice of law in his native village. The great conflict between the Federal and Republican parties was then at its height. Mr. Van Buren was from the beginning a politician. He had, perhaps, imbibed that spirit while listening to the many discussions which had been carried on in his father's hotel. He was in cordial sympathy with Jefferson, and earnestly and eloquently espoused the cause of State Rights, though at that time the Federal party held the supremacy both in his town and State.

His success and increasing reputation led him after six years of practice to remove to Hudson, the county seat of his county. Here he spent seven years, constantly gaining strength by contending in the courts with some of the ablest men who have adorned the Bar of his State.

Just before leaving Kinderhook for Hudson, Mr. Van Buren married a lady alike distinguished for beauty and accomplishments. After twelve short years she sank into the grave, a victim of consumption, leaving her husband and four sons to weep over her loss. For twenty-five years, Mr. Van Buren was an earnest, successful, assiduous lawyer. The record of those years is barren in items of public interest. In 1812, when thirty years of age, he was chosen to the State Senate, and gave his strenuous support to Mr. Madison's administration. In 1815, he was appointed Attorney-General, and the next year moved to Albany, the capital of the State.

While he was acknowledged as one of the most prominent leaders of the Democratic party, he had the moral courage to avow that true democracy did not require that "universal suffrage" which admits the vile, the degraded, the ignorant, to the right

of governing the State. In true consistency with his democratic principles, he contended that, while the path leading to the privilege of voting should be open to every man without distinction, no one should be invested with that sacred prerogative unless he were in some degree qualified for it by intelligence, virtue, and some property interests in the welfare of the State.

In 1821 he was elected a member of the United States Senate, and in the same year he took a seat in the convention to revise the Constitution of his native State. His course in this convention secured the approval of men of all parties. No one could doubt the singleness of his endeavors to promote the interests of all classes in the community. In the Senate of the United States, he rose at once to a conspicuous position as an active and useful legislator.

In 1827, John Quincy Adams being then in the Presidential chair, Mr. Van Buren was re-elected to the Senate. He had been from the beginning a determined opposer of the administration, adopting the "State Rights" view in opposition to what was deemed the Federal proclivities of Mr. Adams.

Soon after this, in 1828, he was chosen Governor of the State of New York, and accordingly resigned his seat in the Senate. Probably no one in the United States contributed so much towards ejecting John Q. Adams from the Presidential chair, and placing in it Andrew Jackson, as did Martin Van Buren. Whether entitled to the reputation or not, he certainly was regarded throughout the United States as one of the most skillful, sagacious and cunning of politicians. It was supposed that no one knew so well as he how to touch the secret springs of action, how to pull all the wires to put his machinery in motion, and how to organize a political army which would secretly and stealthily accomplish the most gigantic results. By these powers it is said that he outwitted Mr. Adams, Mr. Clay, and Mr. Webster, and secured results which few then thought could be accomplished.

When Andrew Jackson was elected President he appointed Mr. Van Buren Secretary of State. This position he resigned in 1831, and was immediately appointed Minister to England, where he went the same autumn. The Senate, however,

when it met, refused to ratify the nomination, and he returned home, apparently untroubled. Later he was nominated Vice-President in the place of Calhoun, at the re-election of President Jackson, and with smiles for all and frowns for none, he took his place at the head of that Senate which had refused to confirm his nomination as ambassador.

His rejection by the Senate roused all the zeal of President Jackson in behalf of his repudiated favorite; and this, probably, more than any other cause secured his elevation to the chair of the Chief Executive. On the 20th of May, 1836, Mr. Van Buren received the Democratic nomination to succeed Gen. Jackson as President of the United States. He was elected by a handsome majority, to the delight of the retiring President. "Leaving New York out of the canvass," says Mr. Parton, "the election of Mr. Van Buren to the Presidency was as much the act of Gen. Jackson as though the Constitution had conferred upon him the power to appoint a successor."

His administration was filled with exciting events. The insurrection in Canada, which threatened to involve this country in war with England, the agitation of the slavery question, and finally the great commercial panic which spread over the country, all were trials of his wisdom. The financial distress was attributed to the management of the Democratic party, and brought the President into such disfavor that he failed of re-election, and on the 4th of March, 1841, he retired from the presidency.

With the exception of being nominated for the Presidency by the "Free Soil" Democrats in 1848, Mr. Van Buren lived quietly upon his estate until his death. He had ever been a prudent man, of frugal habits, and, living within his income, had now fortunately a competence for his declining years. From his fine estate at Lindenwald, he still exerted a powerful influence upon the politics of the country. From this time until his death, on the 24th of July, 1862, at the age of eighty years, he resided at Lindenwald, a gentleman of leisure, of culture and wealth, enjoying in a healthy old age probably far more happiness than he had before experienced amid the stormy scenes of his active life.





*W. H. Harrison*



## WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON.

**W**ILLIAM HENRY HARRISON, the ninth President of the United States, was born at Berkeley, Va., February 9, 1773. His father, Benjamin Harrison, was in comparatively opulent circumstances, and was one of the most distinguished men of his day. He was an intimate friend of George Washington, was early elected a member of the Continental Congress, and was conspicuous among the patriots of Virginia in resisting the encroachments of the British crown. In the celebrated Congress of 1775, Benjamin Harrison and John Hancock were both candidates for the office of Speaker.

Mr. Harrison was subsequently chosen Governor of Virginia, and was twice re-elected. His son William Henry, of course, enjoyed in childhood all the advantages which wealth and intellectual and cultivated society could give. Having received a thorough common-school education, he entered Hampden Sidncy College, where he graduated with honor soon after the death of his father. He then repaired to Philadelphia to study medicine under the instructions of Dr. Rush and the guardianship of Robert Morris, both of whom were, with his father, signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Upon the outbreak of the Indian troubles, and notwithstanding the remonstrances of his friends, he abandoned his medical studies and entered the army, having obtained a commission as Ensign from President Washington. He was then but nineteen years old. From that time he passed gradually upward in rank until he became aide to Gen. Wayne, after whose death he resigned his commission. He was then appointed Secretary of the Northwestern Territory. This Territory was then entitled to but one member in Con-

gress, and Harrison was chosen to fill that position. In the spring of 1800 the Northwestern Territory was divided by Congress into two portions. The eastern portion, comprising the region now embraced in the State of Ohio, was called "The Territory northwest of the Ohio." The western portion, which included what is now called Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, was called "the Indiana Territory." William Henry Harrison, then twenty-seven years of age, was appointed by John Adams Governor of the Indiana Territory, and immediately after also Governor of Upper Louisiana. He was thus ruler over almost as extensive a realm as any sovereign upon the globe. He was Superintendent of Indian Affairs, and was invested with powers nearly dictatorial over the then rapidly increasing white population. The ability and fidelity with which he discharged these responsible duties may be inferred from the fact that he was four times appointed to this office—first by John Adams, twice by Thomas Jefferson, and afterwards by President Madison.

When he began his administration there were but three white settlements in that almost boundless region, now crowded with cities and resounding with all the tumult of wealth and traffic. One of these settlements was on the Ohio, nearly opposite Louisville; one at Vincennes, on the Wabash; and the third was a French settlement.

The vast wilderness over which Gov. Harrison reigned was filled with many tribes of Indians. About the year 1806, two extraordinary men, twin brothers of the Shawnee tribe, rose among them. One of these was called Tecumseh, or "the Crouching Panther;" the other Olliwacheca, or "the Prophet." Tecumseh was not only an Indian warrior, but a man of great sagac-

ity, far-reaching foresight and indomitable perseverance in any enterprise in which he might engage. His brother, the Prophet, was an orator, who could sway the feelings of the untutored Indians as the gale tossed the tree-tops beneath which they dwelt. With an enthusiasm unsurpassed by Peter the Hermit rousing Europe to the crusades, he went from tribe to tribe, assuming that he was specially sent by the Great Spirit.

Gov. Harrison made many attempts to conciliate the Indians, but at last war came, and at Tippecanoe the Indians were routed with great slaughter. October 28, 1812, his army began its march. When near the Prophet's town, three Indians of rank made their appearance and inquired why Gov. Harrison was approaching them in so hostile an attitude. After a short conference, arrangements were made for a meeting the next day to agree upon terms of peace.

But Gov. Harrison was too well acquainted with the Indian character to be deceived by such protestations. Selecting a favorable spot for his night's encampment, he took every precaution against surprise. His troops were posted in a hollow square and slept upon their arms. The wakeful Governor, between three and four o'clock in the morning, had risen, and was sitting in conversation with his aides by the embers of a waning fire. It was a chill, cloudy morning, with a drizzling rain. In the darkness, the Indians had crept as near as possible, and just then, with a savage yell, rushed, with all the desperation which superstition and passion most highly inflamed could give, upon the left flank of the little army. The savages had been amply provided with guns and ammunition by the English, and their war-whoop was accompanied by a shower of bullets.

The camp-fires were instantly extinguished, as the light aided the Indians in their aim, and Gen. Harrison's troops stood as immovable as the rocks around them until day dawned, when they made a simultaneous charge with the bayonet and swept everything before them, completely routing the foe.

Gov. Harrison now had all his energies tasked to the utmost. The British, descending from the

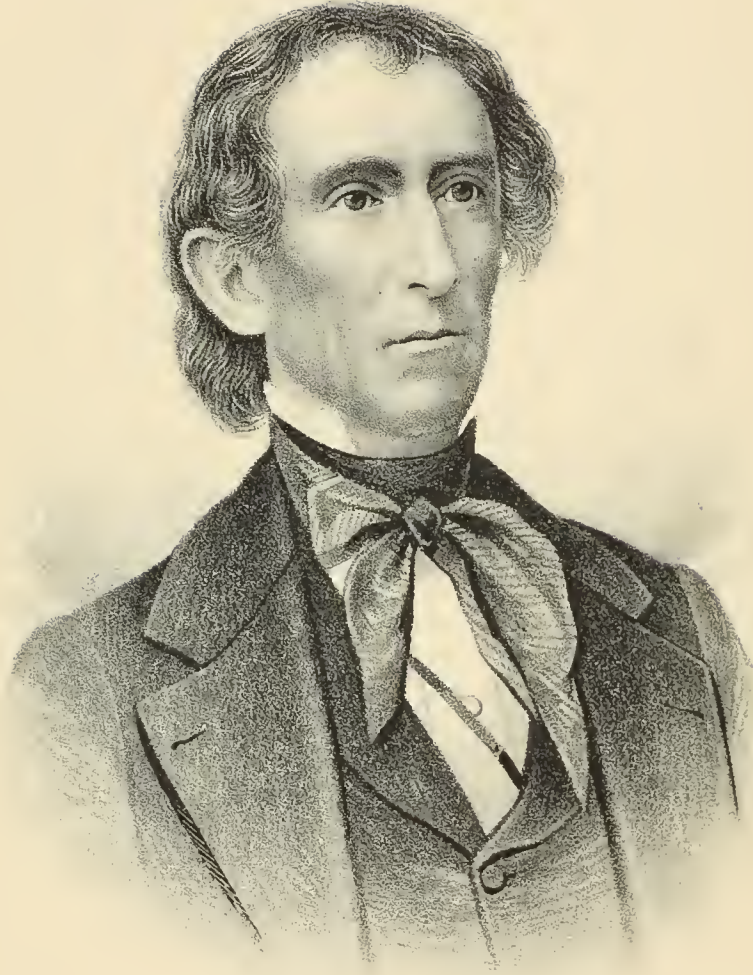
Canadas, were of themselves a very formidable force, but with their savage allies rushing like wolves from the forest, burning, plundering, scalping, torturing, the wide frontier was plunged into a state of consternation which even the most vivid imagination can but faintly conceive. Gen. Hull had made an ignominious surrender of his forces at Detroit. Under these despairing circumstances, Gov. Harrison was appointed by President Madison Commander-in-Chief of the Northwestern Army, with orders to retake Detroit and to protect the frontiers. It would be difficult to place a man in a situation demanding more energy, sagacity and courage, but he was found equal to the position, and nobly and triumphantly did he meet all the responsibilities.

In 1816, Gen. Harrison was chosen a member of the National House of Representatives, to represent the District of Ohio. In Congress he proved an active member, and whenever he spoke it was with a force of reason and power of eloquence which arrested the attention of all the members.

In 1819, Harrison was elected to the Senate of Ohio, and in 1824, as one of the Presidential Electors of that State, he gave his vote for Henry Clay. The same year he was chosen to the United States Senate. In 1836 his friends brought him forward as a candidate for the Presidency against Van Buren, but he was defeated. At the close of Mr. Van Buren's term, he was re-nominated by his party, and Mr. Harrison was unanimously nominated by the Whigs, with John Tyler for the Vice-Presidency. The contest was very animated. Gen. Jackson gave all his influence to prevent Harrison's election, but his triumph was signal.

The cabinet which he formed, with Daniel Webster at its head as Secretary of State, was one of the most brilliant with which any President had ever been surrounded. Never were the prospects of an administration more flattering, or the hopes of the country more sanguine. In the midst of these bright and joyous prospects, Gen. Harrison was seized by a pleurisy-fever, and after a few days of violent sickness died, on the 4th of April, just one month after his inauguration as President of the United States.





John Tyler

## JOHN TYLER.

JOHN TYLER, the tenth President of the United States, and was born in Charles City County, Va., March 29, 1790. He was the favored child of affluence and high social position. At the early age of twelve, John entered William and Mary College, and graduated with much honor when but seventeen years old. After graduating, he devoted himself with great assiduity to the study of law, partly with his father and partly with Edmund Randolph, one of the most distinguished lawyers of Virginia.

At nineteen years of age, he commenced the practice of law. His success was rapid and astonishing. It is said that three months had not elapsed ere there was scarcely a case on the docket of the court in which he was not retained. When but twenty-one years of age, he was almost unanimously elected to a seat in the State Legislature. He connected himself with the Democratic party, and warmly advocated the measures of Jefferson and Madison. For five successive years he was elected to the Legislature, receiving nearly the unanimous vote of his county.

When but twenty-six years of age, he was elected a Member of Congress. Here he acted earnestly and ably with the Democratic party, opposing a national bank, internal improvements by the General Government, and a protective tariff; advocating a strict construction of the Constitution and the most careful vigilance over State rights. His labors in Congress were so arduous that before the close of his second term he found it necessary to resign and retire to his estate in Charles City County to recruit his health. He, however, soon after consented to take his seat in the State Legislature, where his influence was powerful in promoting public works of great utility. With a reputation thus constantly increasing, he was chosen by a very large majority of votes Governor of his native State. His administration was a signally successful one, and his popularity secured his re-election.

John Randolph, a brilliant, erratic, half-crazed man, then represented Virginia in the Senate of the United States. A portion of the Democratic party was displeased with Mr. Randolph's wayward course, and brought forward John Tyler as his opponent, considering him the only man in Virginia of sufficient popularity to succeed against the renowned orator of Roanoke. Mr. Tyler was the victor.

In accordance with his professions, upon taking his seat in the Senate he joined the ranks of the opposition. He opposed the tariff, and spoke against and voted against the bank as unconstitutional; he strenuously opposed all restrictions upon slavery, resisting all projects of internal improvements by the General Government, and avowed his sympathy with Mr. Calhoun's view of nullification; he declared that Gen. Jackson, by his opposition to the nullifiers, had abandoned the principles of the Democratic party. Such was Mr. Tyler's record in Congress—a record in perfect accordance with the principles which he had always avowed.

Returning to Virginia, he resumed the practice of his profession. There was a split in the Democratic party. His friends still regarded him as a true Jeffersonian, gave him a dinner, and showered compliments upon him. He had now attained the age of forty-six, and his career had been very brilliant. In consequence of his devotion to public business, his private affairs had fallen into some disorder, and it was not without satisfaction that he resumed the practice of law, and devoted himself to the cultivation of his plantation. Soon after this he removed to Williamsburg, for the better education of his children, and he again took his seat in the Legislature of Virginia.

By the southern Whigs he was sent to the national convention at Harrisburg in 1839 to nominate a President. The majority of votes were given to Gen. Harrison, a genuine Whig, much to the disappointment of the South, which wished

for Henry Clay. To conciliate the southern Whigs and to secure their vote, the convention then nominated John Tyler for Vice-President. It was well known that he was not in sympathy with the Whig party in the North; but the Vice-President has very little power in the Government, his main and almost only duty being to preside over the meetings of the Senate. Thus it happened that a Whig President and, in reality, a Democratic Vice-President were chosen.

In 1841, Mr. Tyler was inaugurated Vice-President of the United States. In one short month from that time, President Harrison died, and Mr. Tyler thus found himself, to his own surprise and that of the whole nation, an occupant of the Presidential chair. Hastening from Williamsburg to Washington, on the 6th of April he was inaugurated to the high and responsible office. He was placed in a position of exceeding delicacy and difficulty. All his long life he had been opposed to the main principles of the party which had brought him into power. He had ever been a consistent, honest man, with an unblemished record. Gen. Harrison had selected a Whig cabinet. Should he retain them, and thus surround himself with counselors whose views were antagonistic to his own? or, on the other hand, should he turn against the party which had elected him, and select a cabinet in harmony with himself, and which would oppose all those views which the Whigs deemed essential to the public welfare? This was his fearful dilemma. He invited the cabinet which President Harrison had selected to retain their seats, and recommended a day of fasting and prayer, that God would guide and bless us.

The Whigs carried through Congress a bill for the incorporation of a fiscal bank of the United States. The President, after ten days' delay, returned it with his veto. He suggested, however, that he would approve of a bill drawn up upon such a plan as he proposed. Such a bill was accordingly prepared, and privately submitted to him. He gave it his approval. It was passed without alteration, and he sent it back with his veto. Here commenced the open rupture. It is said that Mr. Tyler was provoked to this meas-

ure by a published letter from the Hon. John M. Botts, a distinguished Virginia Whig, who severely touched the pride of the President.

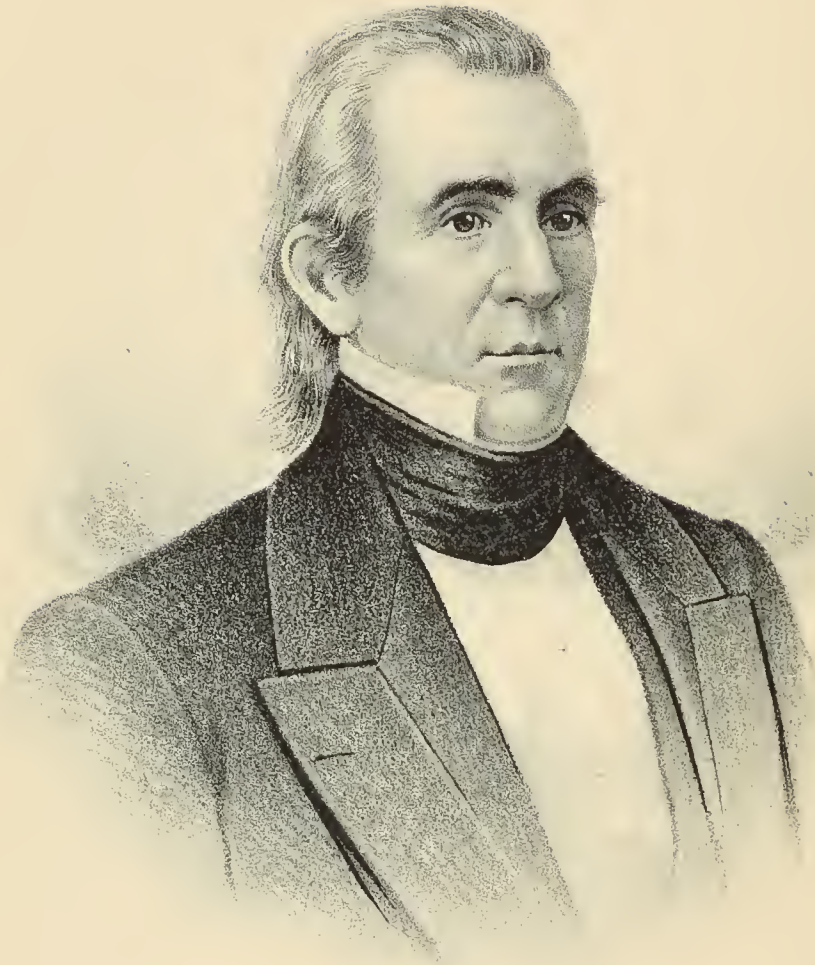
The opposition now exultingly received the President into their arms. The party which elected him denounced him bitterly. All the members of his cabinet, excepting Mr. Webster, resigned. The Whigs of Congress, both the Senate and the House, held a meeting and issued an address to the people of the United States, proclaiming that all political alliance between the Whigs and President Tyler was at an end.

Still the President attempted to conciliate. He appointed a new cabinet of distinguished Whigs and Conservatives, carefully leaving out all strong party men. Mr. Webster soon found it necessary to resign, forced out by the pressure of his Whig friends. Thus the four years of Mr. Tyler's unfortunate administration passed sadly away. No one was satisfied. The land was filled with murmurs and vituperation. Whigs and Democrats alike assailed him. More and more, however, he brought himself into sympathy with his old friends, the Democrats, until at the close of his term he gave his whole influence to the support of Mr. Polk, the Democratic candidate for his successor.

On the 4th of March, 1845, President Tyler retired from the harassments of office, to the regret of neither party, and probably to his own unspeakable relief. The remainder of his days were passed mainly in the retirement of his beautiful home—Sherwood Forest, Charles City County, Va. His first wife, Miss Letitia Christian, died in Washington in 1842; and in June, 1844, he was again married, at New York, to Miss Julia Gardiner, a young lady of many personal and intellectual accomplishments.

When the great Rebellion rose, which the State Rights and nullifying doctrines of John C. Calhoun had inaugurated, President Tyler renounced his allegiance to the United States, and joined the Confederates. He was chosen a member of their Congress, and while engaged in active measures to destroy, by force of arms, the Government over which he had once presided, he was taken sick and soon died.





James K. Polk



# JAMES K. POLK.

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JAMES K. POLK, the eleventh President of the United States, was born in Mecklenburgh County, N. C., November 2, 1795. His parents were Samuel and Jane (Knox) Polk, the former a son of Col. Thomas Polk, who located at the above place, as one of the first pioneers, in 1735. In 1806, with his wife and children, and soon after followed by most of the members of the Polk family, Samuel Polk emigrated some two or three hundred miles farther west, to the rich valley of the Duck River. Here, in the midst of the wilderness, in a region which was subsequently called Maury County, they erected their log huts and established their homes. In the hard toil of a new farm in the wilderness, James K. Polk spent the early years of his childhood and youth. His father, adding the pursuit of a surveyor to that of a farmer, gradually increased in wealth, until he became one of the leading men of the region. His mother was a superior woman, of strong common sense and earnest piety.

Very early in life James developed a taste for reading, and expressed the strongest desire to obtain a liberal education. His mother's training had made him methodical in his habits, had taught him punctuality and industry, and had inspired him with lofty principles of morality. His health was frail, and his father, fearing that he might not be able to endure a sedentary life, got a situation for him behind the counter, hoping to fit him for commercial pursuits.

This was to James a bitter disappointment. He had no taste for these duties, and his daily tasks were irksome in the extreme. He remained in this uncongenial occupation but a few weeks, when, at his earnest solicitation, his father removed him and made arrangements for him to prosecute his studies. Soon after he sent him to Murfreesboro Academy. With ardor which could scarcely be surpassed, he pressed forward in his

studies, and in less than two and a-half years, in the autumn of 1815, entered the sophomore class in the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill. Here he was one of the most exemplary of scholars, punctual in every exercise, never allowing himself to be absent from a recitation or a religious service.

Mr. Polk graduated in 1818, with the highest honors, being deemed the best scholar of his class, both in mathematics and the classics. He was then twenty-three years of age. His health was at this time much impaired by the assiduity with which he had prosecuted his studies. After a short season of relaxation, he went to Nashville, and entered the office of Felix Grundy, to study law. Here Mr. Polk renewed his acquaintance with Andrew Jackson, who resided on his plantation, the "Hermitage," but a few miles from Nashville. They had probably been slightly acquainted before.

Mr. Polk's father was a Jeffersonian Republican and James K. adhered to the same political faith. He was a popular public speaker, and was constantly called upon to address the meetings of his party friends. His skill as a speaker was such that he was popularly called the Napoleon of the stump. He was a man of unblemished morals, genial and courteous in his bearing, and with that sympathetic nature in the joys and griefs of others which gave him hosts of friends. In 1823, he was elected to the Legislature of Tennessee, and gave his strong influence toward the election of his friend, Mr. Jackson, to the Presidency of the United States.

In January, 1824, Mr. Polk married Miss Sarah Childress, of Rutherford County, Tenn. His bride was altogether worthy of him—a lady of beauty and culture. In the fall of 1825 Mr. Polk was chosen a member of Congress, and the satisfaction he gave his constituents may be inferred

from the fact, that for fourteen successive years, or until 1839, he was continued in that office. He then voluntarily withdrew, only that he might accept the Gubernatorial chair of Tennessee. In Congress he was a laborious member, a frequent and a popular speaker. He was always in his seat, always courteous, and whenever he spoke it was always to the point, without any ambitious rhetorical display.

During five sessions of Congress Mr. Polk was Speaker of the House. Strong passions were roused and stormy scenes were witnessed, but he performed his arduous duties to a very general satisfaction, and a unanimous vote of thanks to him was passed by the House as he withdrew on the 4th of March, 1839.

In accordance with Southern usage, Mr. Polk, as a candidate for Governor, canvassed the State. He was elected by a large majority, and on October 14, 1839, took the oath of office at Nashville. In 1841 his term of office expired, and he was again the candidate of the Democratic party, but was defeated.

On the 4th of March, 1845, Mr. Polk was inaugurated President of the United States. The verdict of the country in favor of the annexation of Texas exerted its influence upon Congress, and the last act of the administration of President Tyler was to affix his signature to a joint resolution of Congress, passed on the 3d of March, approving of the annexation of Texas to the Union. As Mexico still claimed Texas as one of her provinces, the Mexican Minister, Almonte, immediately demanded his passports and left the country, declaring the act of the annexation to be an act hostile to Mexico.

In his first message, President Polk urged that Texas should immediately, by act of Congress, be received into the Union on the same footing with the other States. In the mean time, Gen. Taylor was sent with an army into Texas to hold the country. He was first sent to Nueces, which the Mexicans said was the western boundary of Texas. Then he was sent nearly two hundred miles further west, to the Rio Grande, where he erected batteries which commanded the Mexican city of Matamoras, which was situated on the western

banks. The anticipated collision soon took place, and war was declared against Mexico by President Polk. The war was pushed forward by his administration with great vigor. Gen. Taylor, whose army was first called one of "observation," then of "occupation," then of "invasion," was sent forward to Monterey. The feeble Mexicans in every encounter were hopelessly slaughtered. The day of judgment alone can reveal the misery which this war caused. It was by the ingenuity of Mr. Polk's administration that the war was brought on.

"To the victors belong the spoils." Mexico was prostrate before us. Her capital was in our hands. We now consented to peace upon the condition that Mexico should surrender to us, in addition to Texas, all of New Mexico, and all of Upper and Lower California. This new demand embraced, exclusive of Texas, eight hundred thousand square miles. This was an extent of territory equal to nine States of the size of New York. Thus slavery was securing eighteen majestic States to be added to the Union. There were some Americans who thought it all right; there were others who thought it all wrong. In the prosecution of this war we expended twenty thousand lives and more than \$100,000,000. Of this money \$15,000,000 were paid to Mexico.

On the 3d of March, 1849, Mr. Polk retired from office, having served one term. The next day was Sunday. On the 5th, Gen. Taylor was inaugurated as his successor. Mr. Polk rode to the Capitol in the same carriage with Gen. Taylor, and the same evening, with Mrs. Polk, he commenced his return to Tennessee. He was then but fifty-four years of age. He had always been strictly temperate in all his habits, and his health was good. With an ample fortune, a choice library, a cultivated mind, and domestic ties of the dearest nature, it seemed as though long years of tranquillity and happiness were before him. But the cholera—that fearful scourge—was then sweeping up the Valley of the Mississippi, and he contracted the disease, dying on the 15th of June, 1849, in the fifty-fourth year of his age, greatly mourned by his countrymen.





*Zachary Taylor.*

## ZACHARY TAYLOR.

ZACHARY TAYLOR, twelfth President of the United States, was born on the 24th of November, 1784, in Orange County, Va. His father, Col. Taylor, was a Virginian of note, and a distinguished patriot and soldier of the Revolution. When Zachary was an infant, his father, with his wife and two children, emigrated to Kentucky, where he settled in the pathless wilderness, a few miles from Louisville. In this frontier home, away from civilization and all its refinements, young Zachary could enjoy but few social and educational advantages. When six years of age he attended a common school, and was then regarded as a bright, active boy, rather remarkable for bluntness and decision of character. He was strong, fearless and self-reliant, and manifested a strong desire to enter the army to fight the Indians, who were ravaging the frontiers. There is little to be recorded of the uneventful years of his childhood on his father's large but lonely plantation.

In 1808, his father succeeded in obtaining for him a commission as Lieutenant in the United States army, and he joined the troops which were stationed at New Orleans under Gen. Wilkinson. Soon after this he married Miss Margaret Smith, a young lady from one of the first families of Maryland.

Immediately after the declaration of war with England, in 1812, Capt. Taylor (for he had then been promoted to that rank) was put in command of Ft. Harrison, on the Wabash, about fifty miles above Vincennes. This fort had been built in the wilderness by Gen. Harrison, on his march to Tippecanoe. It was one of the first points of attack by the Indians, led by Tecumseh. Its garrison consisted of a broken company of infantry, numbering fifty men, many of whom were sick.

Early in the autumn of 1812, the Indians, stealthily, and in large numbers, moved upon the

fort. Their approach was first indicated by the murder of two soldiers just outside of the stockade. Capt. Taylor made every possible preparation to meet the anticipated assault. On the 4th of September, a band of forty painted and plumed savages came to the fort, waving a white flag, and informed Capt. Taylor that in the morning their chief would come to have a talk with him. It was evident that their object was merely to ascertain the state of things at the fort, and Capt. Taylor, well versed in the wiles of the savages, kept them at a distance.

The sun went down; the savages disappeared; the garrison slept upon their arms. One hour before midnight the war-whoop burst from a thousand lips in the forest around, followed by the discharge of musketry and the rush of the foe. Every man, sick and well, sprang to his post. Every man knew that defeat was not merely death, but, in the case of capture, death by the most agonizing and prolonged torture. No pen can describe, no imagination can conceive, the scenes which ensued. The savages succeeded in setting fire to one of the block-houses. Until six o'clock in the morning this awful conflict continued, when the savages, baffled at every point and gnashing their teeth with rage, retired. Capt. Taylor, for this gallant defense, was promoted to the rank of Major by brevet.

Until the close of the war, Maj. Taylor was placed in such situations that he saw but little more of active service. He was sent far away into the depths of the wilderness to Ft. Crawford, on Fox River, which empties into Green Bay. Here there was little to be done but to wear away the tedious hours as one best could. There were no books, no society, no intellectual stimulus. Thus with him the uneventful years rolled on. Gradually he rose to the rank of Colonel. In the Black Hawk War, which re-

sulted in the capture of that renowned chieftain, Col. Taylor took a subordinate, but a brave and efficient, part.

For twenty-four years Col. Taylor was engaged in the defense of the frontiers, in scenes so remote, and in employments so obscure, that his name was unknown beyond the limits of his own immediate acquaintance. In the year 1836, he was sent to Florida to compel the Seminole Indians to vacate that region, and retire beyond the Mississippi, as their chiefs by treaty had promised they should do. The services rendered here secured for Col. Taylor the high appreciation of the Government, and as a reward he was elevated to the high rank of Brigadier-General by brevet, and soon after, in May, 1838, was appointed to the chief command of the United States troops in Florida.

After two years of wearisome employment amidst the everglades of the Peninsula, Gen. Taylor obtained, at his own request, a change of command, and was stationed over the Department of the Southwest. This field embraced Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. Establishing his headquarters at Ft. Jessup, in Louisiana, he removed his family to a plantation which he purchased near Baton Rouge. Here he remained for five years, buried, as it were, from the world, but faithfully discharging every duty imposed upon him.

In 1846, Gen. Taylor was sent to guard the land between the Nueces and Rio Grande, the latter river being the boundary of Texas, which was then claimed by the United States. Soon the war with Mexico was brought on, and at Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma, Gen. Taylor won brilliant victories over the Mexicans. The rank of Major-General by brevet was then conferred upon Gen. Taylor, and his name was received with enthusiasm almost everywhere in the nation. Then came the battles of Monterey and Buena Vista, in which he won signal victories over forces much larger than he commanded.

The tidings of the brilliant victory of Buena Vista spread the wildest enthusiasm over the country. The name of Gen. Taylor was on every one's lips. The Whig party decided to

take advantage of this wonderful popularity in bringing forward the unpolished, unlettered, honest soldier as their candidate for the Presidency. Gen. Taylor was astonished at the announcement, and for a time would not listen to it, declaring that he was not at all qualified for such an office. So little interest had he taken in politics, that for forty years he had not cast a vote. It was not without chagrin that several distinguished statesmen, who had been long years in the public service, found their claims set aside in behalf of one whose name had never been heard of, save in connection with Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma, Monterey and Buena Vista. It is said that Daniel Webster, in his haste, remarked, "It is a nomination not fit to be made."

Gen. Taylor was not an eloquent speaker nor a fine writer. His friends took possession of him, and prepared such few communications as it was needful should be presented to the public. The popularity of the successful warrior swept the land. He was triumphantly elected over two opposing candidates,—Gen. Cass and Ex-President Martin Van Buren. Though he selected an excellent cabinet, the good old man found himself in a very uncongenial position, and was at times sorely perplexed and harassed. His mental sufferings were very severe, and probably tended to hasten his death. The pro-slavery party was pushing its claims with tireless energy; expeditions were fitting out to capture Cuba; California was pleading for admission to the Union, while slavery stood at the door to bar her out. Gen. Taylor found the political conflicts in Washington to be far more trying to the nerves than battles with Mexicans or Indians.

In the midst of all these troubles, Gen. Taylor, after he had occupied the Presidential chair but little over a year, took cold, and after a brief sickness of but little over five days, died, on the 9th of July, 1850. His last words were, "I am not afraid to die. I am ready. I have endeavored to do my duty." He died universally respected and beloved. An honest, unpretending man, he had been steadily growing in the affections of the people, and the Nation bitterly lamented his death.





Millard Fillmore



# MILLARD FILLMORE.

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**M**ILLARD FILLMORE, thirteenth President of the United States, was born at Summer Hill, Cayuga County, N. Y., on the 7th of January, 1800. His father was a farmer, and, owing to misfortune, in humble circumstances. Of his mother, the daughter of Dr. Abiathar Millard, of Pittsfield, Mass., it has been said that she possessed an intellect of a high order, united with much personal loveliness, sweetness of disposition, graceful manners and exquisite sensibilities. She died in 1831, having lived to see her son a young man of distinguished promise, though she was not permitted to witness the high dignity which he finally attained.

In consequence of the secluded home and limited means of his father, Millard enjoyed but slender advantages for education in his early years. The common schools, which he occasionally attended, were very imperfect institutions, and books were scarce and expensive. There was nothing then in his character to indicate the brilliant career upon which he was about to enter. He was a plain farmer's boy—intelligent, good-looking, kind-hearted. The sacred influences of home had taught him to revere the Bible, and had laid the foundations of an upright character. When fourteen years of age, his father sent him some hundred miles from home to the then wilds of Livingston County, to learn the trade of a clothier. Near the mill there was a small village, where some enterprising man had commenced the collection of a village library. This proved an inestimable blessing to young Fillmore. His evenings were spent in reading. Soon every leisure moment was occupied with books. His thirst for knowledge became insatiate, and the selections which he made were continually more elevating and instructive. He read history, biography, oratory, and thus gradually there was enkindled

in his heart a desire to be something more than a mere worker with his hands.

The young clothier had now attained the age of nineteen years, and was of fine personal appearance and of gentlemanly demeanor. It so happened that there was a gentleman in the neighborhood of ample pecuniary means and of benevolence,—Judge Walter Wood,—who was struck with the prepossessing appearance of young Fillmore. He made his acquaintance, and was so much impressed with his ability and attainments that he advised him to abandon his trade and devote himself to the study of the law. The young man replied that he had no means of his own, no friends to help him, and that his previous education had been very imperfect. But Judge Wood had so much confidence in him that he kindly offered to take him into his own office, and to lend him such money as he needed. Most gratefully the generous offer was accepted.

There is in many minds a strange delusion about a collegiate education. A young man is supposed to be liberally educated if he has graduated at some college. But many a boy who loiters through university halls and then enters a law office is by no means as well prepared to prosecute his legal studies as was Millard Fillmore when he graduated at the clothing-mill at the end of four years of manual labor, during which every leisure moment had been devoted to intense mental culture.

In 1823, when twenty-three years of age, he was admitted to the Court of Common Pleas. He then went to the village of Aurora, and commenced the practice of law. In this secluded, quiet region, his practice, of course, was limited, and there was no opportunity for a sudden rise in fortune or in fame. Here, in 1826, he married a lady of great moral worth, and one capable of

adorning any station she might be called to fill,— Miss Abigail Powers.

His elevation of character, his untiring industry, his legal acquirements, and his skill as an advocate, gradually attracted attention, and he was invited to enter into partnership, under highly advantageous circumstances, with an elder member of the Bar in Buffalo. Just before removing to Buffalo, in 1829, he took his seat in the House of Assembly of the State of New York, as a Representative from Erie County. Though he had never taken a very active part in politics, his vote and sympathies were with the Whig party. The State was then Democratic, and he found himself in a helpless minority in the Legislature; still the testimony comes from all parties that his courtesy, ability and integrity won, to a very unusual degree, the respect of his associates.

In the autumn of 1832, he was elected to a seat in the United States Congress. He entered that troubled arena in the most tumultuous hours of our national history, when the great conflict respecting the national bank and the removal of the deposits was raging.

His term of two years closed, and he returned to his profession, which he pursued with increasing reputation and success. After a lapse of two years he again became a candidate for Congress; was re-elected, and took his seat in 1837. His past experience as a Representative gave him strength and confidence. The first term of service in Congress to any man can be but little more than an introduction. He was now prepared for active duty. All his energies were brought to bear upon the public good. Every measure received his impress.

Mr. Fillmore was now a man of wide repute, and his popularity filled the State. In the year 1847, when he had attained the age of forty-seven years, he was elected Comptroller of the State. His labors at the Bar, in the Legislature, in Congress and as Comptroller, had given him very considerable fame. The Whigs were casting about to find suitable candidates for President and Vice-President at the approaching election. Far away on the waters of the Rio Grande, there was a rough old soldier, who had fought

one or two successful battles with the Mexicans, which had caused his name to be proclaimed in trumpet-tones all over the land as a candidate for the presidency. But it was necessary to associate with him on the same ticket some man of reputation as a statesman.

Under the influence of these considerations, the names of Zachary Taylor and Millard Fillmore became the rallying-cry of the Whigs, as their candidates for President and Vice-President. The Whig ticket was signally triumphant. On the 4th of March, 1849, Gen. Taylor was inaugurated President, and Millard Fillmore Vice-President, of the United States.

On the 9th of July, 1850, President Taylor, about one year and four months after his inauguration, was suddenly taken sick and died. By the Constitution, Vice-President Fillmore thus became President. He appointed a very able cabinet, of which the illustrious Daniel Webster was Secretary of State; nevertheless, he had serious difficulties to contend with, since the opposition had a majority in both Houses. He did all in his power to conciliate the South; but the pro-slavery party in the South felt the inadequacy of all measures of transient conciliation. The population of the free States was so rapidly increasing over that of the slave States, that it was inevitable that the power of the Government should soon pass into the hands of the free States. The famous compromise measures were adopted under Mr. Fillmore's administration, and the Japan expedition was sent out. On the 4th of March, 1853, he, having served one term, retired.

In 1856, Mr. Fillmore was nominated for the Presidency by the "Know-Nothing" party, but was beaten by Mr. Buchanan. After that Mr. Fillmore lived in retirement. During the terrible conflict of civil war, he was mostly silent. It was generally supposed that his sympathies were rather with those who were endeavoring to overthrow our institutions. President Fillmore kept aloof from the conflict, without any cordial words of cheer to one party or the other. He was thus forgotten by both. He lived to a ripe old age, and died in Buffalo, N. Y., March 8, 1874.





*Franklin Pierce*

## FRANKLIN PIERCE.

**F**RANKLIN PIERCE, the fourteenth President of the United States, was born in Hillsborough, N. H., November 23, 1804. His father was a Revolutionary soldier, who with his own strong arm hewed out a home in the wilderness. He was a man of inflexible integrity, of strong, though uncultivated, mind, and was an uncompromising Democrat. The mother of Franklin Pierce was all that a son could desire—an intelligent, prudent, affectionate, Christian woman.

Franklin, who was the sixth of eight children, was a remarkably bright and handsome boy, generous, warm-hearted and brave. He won alike the love of old and young. The boys on the play-ground loved him. His teachers loved him. The neighbors looked upon him with pride and affection. He was by instinct a gentleman, always speaking kind words, and doing kind deeds, with a peculiar, unstudied tact which taught him what was agreeable. Without developing any precocity of genius, or any unnatural devotion to books, he was a good scholar, and in body and mind a finely developed boy.

When sixteen years of age, in the year 1820, he entered Bowdoin College, at Brunswick, Me. He was one of the most popular young men in the college. The purity of his moral character, the unvarying courtesy of his demeanor, his rank as a scholar, and genial nature, rendered him a universal favorite. There was something peculiarly winning in his address, and it was evidently not in the slightest degree studied—it was the simple outgushing of his own magnanimous and loving nature.

Upon graduating, in the year 1824, Franklin Pierce commenced the study of law in the office of Judge Woodbury, one of the most distinguished

lawyers of the State, and a man of great private worth. The eminent social qualities of the young lawyer, his father's prominence as a public man, and the brilliant political career into which Judge Woodbury was entering, all tended to entice Mr. Pierce into the fascinating yet perilous path of political life. With all the ardor of his nature he espoused the cause of Gen. Jackson for the Presidency. He commenced the practice of law in Hillsborough, and was soon elected to represent the town in the State Legislature. Here he served for four years. The last two years he was chosen Speaker of the House by a very large vote.

In 1833, at the age of twenty-nine, he was elected a member of Congress. In 1837, being then but thirty-three years old, he was elected to the Senate, taking his seat just as Mr. Van Buren commenced his administration. He was the youngest member in the Senate. In the year 1834, he married Miss Jane Means Appleton, a lady of rare beauty and accomplishments, and one admirably fitted to adorn every station with which her husband was honored. Of the three sons who were born to them, all now sleep with their parents in the grave.

In the year 1838, Mr. Pierce, with growing fame and increasing business as a lawyer, took up his residence in Concord, the capital of New Hampshire. President Polk, upon his accession to office, appointed Mr. Pierce Attorney-General of the United States; but the offer was declined in consequence of numerous professional engagements at home, and the precarious state of Mrs. Pierce's health. He also, about the same time, declined the nomination for Governor by the Democratic party. The war with Mexico called

Mr. Pierce into the army. Receiving the appointment of Brigadier-General, he embarked with a portion of his troops at Newport, R. I., on the 27th of May, 1847. He took an important part in this war, proving himself a brave and true soldier.

When Gen. Pierce reached his home in his native State, he was received enthusiastically by the advocates of the Mexican War, and coldly by his opponents. He resumed the practice of his profession, very frequently taking an active part in political questions, giving his cordial support to the pro-slavery wing of the Democratic party. The compromise measures met cordially with his approval, and he strenuously advocated the enforcement of the infamous Fugitive Slave Law, which so shocked the religious sensibilities of the North. He thus became distinguished as a "Northern man with Southern principles." The strong partisans of slavery in the South consequently regarded him as a man whom they could safely trust in office to carry out their plans.

On the 12th of June, 1852, the Democratic convention met in Baltimore to nominate a candidate for the Presidency. For four days they continued in session, and in thirty-five ballotings no one had obtained a two-thirds vote. Not a vote thus far had been thrown for Gen. Pierce. Then the Virginia delegation brought forward his name. There were fourteen more ballotings, during which Gen. Pierce constantly gained strength, until, at the forty-ninth ballot, he received two hundred and eighty-two votes, and all other candidates eleven. Gen. Winfield Scott was the Whig candidate. Gen. Pierce was chosen with great unanimity. Only four States—Vermont, Massachusetts, Kentucky and Tennessee—cast their electoral votes against him. Gen. Franklin Pierce was therefore inaugurated President of the United States on the 4th of March, 1853.

His administration proved one of the most stormy our country had ever experienced. The controversy between slavery and freedom was then approaching its culminating point. It became evident that there was to be an irrepressible conflict between them, and that this nation could not long exist "half slave and half free."

President Pierce, during the whole of his administration, did everything he could to conciliate the South; but it was all in vain. The conflict every year grew more violent, and threats of the dissolution of the Union were borne to the North on every Southern breeze.

Such was the condition of affairs when President Pierce approached the close of his four-years term of office. The North had become thoroughly alienated from him. The anti-slavery sentiment, goaded by great outrages, had been rapidly increasing; all the intellectual ability and social worth of President Pierce were forgotten in deep reprehension of his administrative acts. The slaveholders of the South also, unmindful of the fidelity with which he had advocated those measures of Government which they approved, and perhaps feeling that he had rendered himself so unpopular as no longer to be able to acceptably serve them, ungratefully dropped him, and nominated James Buchanan to succeed him.

On the 4th of March, 1857, President Pierce returned to his home in Concord. His three children were all dead, his last surviving child having been killed before his eyes in a railroad accident; and his wife, one of the most estimable and accomplished of ladies, was rapidly sinking in consumption. The hour of dreadful gloom soon came, and he was left alone in the world without wife or child.

When the terrible Rebellion burst forth which divided our country into two parties, and two only, Mr. Pierce remained steadfast in the principles which he had always cherished, and gave his sympathies to that pro-slavery party with which he had ever been allied. He declined to do anything, either by voice or pen, to strengthen the hand of the National Government. He continued to reside in Concord until the time of his death, which occurred in October, 1869. He was one of the most genial and social of men, an honored communicant of the Episcopal Church, and one of the kindest of neighbors. Generous to a fault, he contributed liberally toward the alleviation of suffering and want, and many of his towns-people were often gladdened by his material bounty.





*James Buchanan*



## JAMES BUCHANAN.

JAMES BUCHANAN, the fifteenth President of the United States, was born in a small frontier town, at the foot of the eastern ridge of the Alleghanias, in Franklin County, Pa., on the 23d of April, 1791. The place where the humble cabin home stood was called Stony Batter. His father was a native of the north of Ireland, who had emigrated in 1783, with little property save his own strong arms. Five years afterward he married Elizabeth Spear, the daughter of a respectable farmer, and, with his young bride, plunged into the wilderness, staked his claim, reared his log hut, opened a clearing with his axe, and settled down there to perform his obscure part in the drama of life. When James was eight years of age, his father removed to the village of Mercersburg, where his son was placed at school, and commenced a course of study in English, Latin and Greek. His progress was rapid, and at the age of fourteen he entered Dickinson College, at Carlisle. Here he developed remarkable talent, and took his stand among the first scholars in the institution.

In the year 1809 he graduated with the highest honors of his class. He was then eighteen years of age; tall and graceful, vigorous in health, fond of athletic sports, an unerring shot, and enlivened with an exuberant flow of animal spirits. He immediately commenced the study of law in the city of Lancaster, and was admitted to the Bar in 1812, when he was but twenty-one years of age.

In 1820, he reluctantly consented to run as a candidate for Congress. He was elected, and for ten years he remained a member of the Lower House. During the vacations of Congress, he

occasionally tried some important case. In 1831 he retired altogether from the toils of his profession, having acquired an ample fortune.

Gen. Jackson, upon his elevation to the Presidency, appointed Mr. Buchanan Minister to Russia. The duties of his mission he performed with ability, and gave satisfaction to all parties. Upon his return, in 1833, he was elected to a seat in the United States Senate. He there met as his associates Webster, Clay, Wright and Calhoun. He advocated the measures proposed by President Jackson, of making reprisals against France to enforce the payment of our claims against that country, and defended the course of the President in his unprecedented and wholesale removal from office of those who were not the supporters of his administration. Upon this question he was brought into direct collision with Henry Clay. He also, with voice and vote, advocated expunging from the journal of the Senate the vote of censure against Gen. Jackson for removing the deposits. Earnestly he opposed the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, and urged the prohibition of the circulation of anti-slavery documents by the United States mails. As to petitions on the subject of slavery, he advocated that they should be respectfully received, and that the reply should be returned that Congress had no power to legislate upon the subject. "Congress," said he, "might as well undertake to interfere with slavery under a foreign government as in any of the States where it now exists."

Upon Mr. Polk's accession to the Presidency, Mr. Buchanan became Secretary of State, and as such took his share of the responsibility in the

conduct of the Mexican War. Mr. Polk assumed that crossing the Nueces by the American troops into the disputed territory was not wrong, but for the Mexicans to cross the Rio Grande into Texas was a declaration of war. No candid man can read with pleasure the account of the course our Government pursued in that movement.

Mr. Buchanan identified himself thoroughly with the party devoted to the perpetuation and extension of slavery, and brought all the energies of his mind to bear against the Wilmot Proviso. He gave his cordial approval to the compromise measures of 1850, which included the Fugitive Slave Law. Mr. Pierce, upon his election to the Presidency, honored Mr. Buchanan with the mission to England.

In the year 1856, a national Democratic Convention nominated Mr. Buchanan for the Presidency. The political conflict was one of the most severe in which our country has ever engaged. All the friends of slavery were on one side; all the advocates of its restriction and final abolition on the other. Mr. Fremont, the candidate of the enemies of slavery, received one hundred and fourteen electoral votes. Mr. Buchanan received one hundred and seventy-four, and was elected. The popular vote stood 1,340,618 for Fremont, 1,224,750 for Buchanan. On March 4, 1857, the latter was inaugurated.

Mr. Buchanan was far advanced in life. Only four years were wanting to fill up his three-score years and ten. His own friends, those with whom he had been allied in political principles and action for years, were seeking the destruction of the Government, that they might rear upon the ruins of our free institutions a nation whose corner-stone should be human slavery. In this emergency, Mr. Buchanan was hopelessly bewildered. He could not, with his long-avowed principles, consistently oppose the State Rights party in their assumptions. As President of the United States, bound by his oath faithfully to administer the laws, he could not, without perjury of the grossest kind, unite with those endeavoring to overthrow the Republic. He therefore did nothing.

The opponents of Mr. Buchanan's administra-

tion nominated Abraham Lincoln as their standard-bearer in the next Presidential canvass. The pro-slavery party declared that if he were elected and the control of the Government were thus taken from their hands, they would secede from the Union, taking with them as they retired the National Capitol at Washington and the lion's share of the territory of the United States.

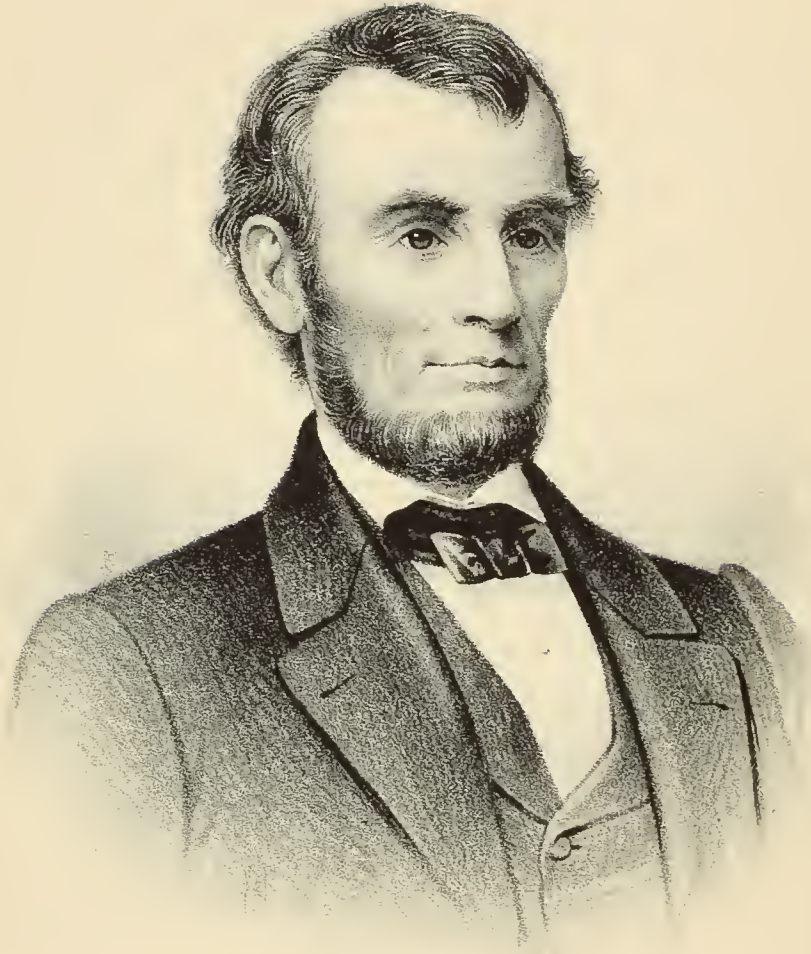
As the storm increased in violence, the slaveholders claiming the right to secede, and Mr. Buchanan avowing that Congress had no power to prevent it, one of the most pitiable exhibitions of governmental imbecility was exhibited that the world has ever seen. He declared that Congress had no power to enforce its laws in any State which had withdrawn, or which was attempting to withdraw, from the Union. This was not the doctrine of Andrew Jackson, when, with his hand upon his sword-hilt, he exclaimed: "The Union must and shall be preserved!"

South Carolina seceded in December, 1860, nearly three months before the inauguration of President Lincoln. Mr. Buchanan looked on in listless despair. The rebel flag was raised in Charleston; Ft. Sumter was besieged; our forts, navy-yards and arsenals were seized; our depots of military stores were plundered, and our custom-houses and post-offices were appropriated by the rebels.

The energy of the rebels and the imbecility of our Executive were alike marvelous. The nation looked on in agony, waiting for the slow weeks to glide away and close the administration, so terrible in its weakness. At length the long-looked-for hour of deliverance came, when Abraham Lincoln was to receive the scepter.

The administration of President Buchanan was certainly the most calamitous our country has experienced. His best friends can not recall it with pleasure. And still more deplorable it is for his fame, that in that dreadful conflict which rolled its billows of flame and blood over our whole land, no word came from his lips to indicate his wish that our country's banner should triumph over the flag of the Rebellion. He died at his Wheatland retreat, June 1, 1868.





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# ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

**A**BRAHAM LINCOLN, the sixteenth President of the United States, was born in Hardin County, Ky., February 12, 1809. About the year 1780, a man by the name of Abraham Lincoln left Virginia with his family and moved into the then wilds of Kentucky. Only two years after this emigration, and while still a young man, he was working one day in a field, when an Indian stealthily approached and killed him. His widow was left in extreme poverty with five little children, three boys and two girls. Thomas, the youngest of the boys, and the father of President Abraham Lincoln, was four years of age at his father's death.

When twenty-eight years old, Thomas Lincoln built a log cabin, and married Nancy Hanks, the daughter of another family of poor Kentucky emigrants, who had also come from Virginia. Their second child was Abraham Lincoln, the subject of this sketch. The mother of Abraham was a noble woman, gentle, loving, pensive, created to adorn a palace, but doomed to toil and pine, and die in a hovel. "All that I am, or hope to be," exclaimed the grateful son, "I owe to my angel-mother." When he was eight years of age, his father sold his cabin and small farm and moved to Indiana, where two years later his mother died.

As the years rolled on, the lot of this lowly family was the usual lot of humanity. There were joys and griefs, weddings and funerals. Abraham's sister Sarah, to whom he was tenderly attached, was married when a child of but fourteen years of age, and soon died. The family was gradually scattered, and Thomas Lincoln sold out his squatter's claim in 1830, and emigrated to Macon County, Ill.

Abraham Lincoln was then twenty-one years of age. With vigorous hands he aided his father in rearing another log cabin, and worked quite diligently at this until he saw the family comfortably settled, and their small lot of enclosed prairie planted with corn, when he announced to

his father his intention to leave home, and to go out into the world and seek his fortune. Little did he or his friends imagine how brilliant that fortune was to be. He saw the value of education and was intensely earnest to improve his mind to the utmost of his power. Religion he revered. His morals were pure, and he was uncontaminated by a single vice.

Young Abraham worked for a time as a hired laborer among the farmers. Then he went to Springfield, where he was employed in building a large flat-boat. In this he took a herd of swine, floated them down the Sangamon to Illinois, and thence by the Mississippi to New Orleans. Whatever Abraham Lincoln undertook, he performed so faithfully as to give great satisfaction to his employers. In this adventure the latter were so well pleased, that upon his return they placed a store and mill under his care.

In 1832, at the outbreak of the Black Hawk War, he enlisted and was chosen Captain of a company. He returned to Sangamon County, and, although only twenty-three years of age, was a candidate for the Legislature, but was defeated. He soon after received from Andrew Jackson the appointment of Postmaster of New Salem. His only post-office was his hat. All the letters he received he carried there, ready to deliver to those he chanced to meet. He studied surveying, and soon made this his business. In 1834 he again became a candidate for the Legislature and was elected. Mr. Stuart, of Springfield, advised him to study law. He walked from New Salem to Springfield, borrowed of Mr. Stuart a load of books, carried them back, and began his legal studies. When the Legislature assembled, he trudged on foot with his pack on his back one hundred miles to Vandalia, then the capital. In 1836 he was re-elected to the Legislature. Here it was he first met Stephen A. Douglas. In 1839 he removed to Springfield and began the practice of law. His success with the jury was so great

that he was soon engaged in almost every noted case in the circuit.

In 1854 the great discussion began between Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Douglas on the slavery question. In the organization of the Republican party in Illinois, in 1856, he took an active part, and at once became one of the leaders in that party. Mr. Lincoln's speeches in opposition to Senator Douglas in the contest in 1858 for a seat in the Senate, form a most notable part of his history. The issue was on the slavery question, and he took the broad ground of the Declaration of Independence, that all men are created equal. Mr. Lincoln was defeated in this contest, but won a far higher prize.

The great Republican Convention met at Chicago on the 16th of June, 1860. The delegates and strangers who crowded the city amounted to twenty-five thousand. An immense building called "The Wigwam," was reared to accommodate the convention. There were eleven candidates for whom votes were thrown. William H. Seward, a man whose fame as a statesman had long filled the land, was the most prominent. It was generally supposed he would be the nominee. Abraham Lincoln, however, received the nomination on the third ballot.

Election day came, and Mr. Lincoln received one hundred and eighty electoral votes out of two hundred and three cast, and was, therefore, constitutionally elected President of the United States. The tirade of abuse that was poured upon this good and merciful man, especially by the slaveholders, was greater than upon any other man ever elected to this high position. In February, 1861, Mr. Lincoln started for Washington, stopping in all the large cities on his way, making speeches. The whole journey was fraught with much danger. Many of the Southern States had already seceded, and several attempts at assassination were afterward brought to light. A gang in Baltimore had arranged upon his arrival to "get up a row," and in the confusion to make sure of his death with revolvers and hand-grenades. A detective unravelled the plot. A secret and special train was provided to take him from Harrisburg, through Baltimore, at an unexpected

hour of the night. The train started at half-past ten, and to prevent any possible communication on the part of the Secessionists with their Confederate gang in Baltimore, as soon as the train had started the telegraph-wires were cut. Mr. Lincoln reached Washington in safety and was inaugurated, although great anxiety was felt by all loyal people.

In the selection of his cabinet Mr. Lincoln gave to Mr. Seward the Department of State, and to other prominent opponents before the convention he gave important positions; but during no other administration had the duties devolving upon the President been so manifold, and the responsibilities so great, as those which fell to his lot. Knowing this, and feeling his own weakness and inability to meet, and in his own strength to cope with, the difficulties, he learned early to seek Divine wisdom and guidance in determining his plans, and Divine comfort in all his trials, both personal and national. Contrary to his own estimate of himself, Mr. Lincoln was one of the most courageous of men. He went directly into the rebel capital just as the retreating foe was leaving, with no guard but a few sailors. From the time he had left Springfield, in 1861, however, plans had been made for his assassination, and he at last fell a victim to one of them. April 14, 1865, he, with Gen. Grant, was urgently invited to attend Ford's Theatre. It was announced that they would be present. Gen. Grant, however, left the city. President Lincoln, feeling, with his characteristic kindness of heart, that it would be a disappointment if he should fail them, very reluctantly consented to go. While listening to the play, an actor by the name of John Wilkes Booth entered the box where the President and family were seated, and fired a bullet into his brain. He died the next morning at seven o'clock.

Never before in the history of the world was a nation plunged into such deep grief by the death of its ruler. Strong men met in the streets and wept in speechless anguish. His was a life which will fitly become a model. His name as the Savior of his country will live with that of Washington's, its Father.





*Andrew Johnson*



# ANDREW JOHNSON.

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**A**NDREW JOHNSON, seventeenth President of the United States. The early life of Andrew Johnson contains but the record of poverty, destitution and friendlessness. He was born December 29, 1808, in Raleigh, N. C. His parents, belonging to the class of "poor whites" of the South, were in such circumstances that they could not confer even the slightest advantages of education upon their child. When Andrew was five years of age, his father accidentally lost his life, while heroically endeavoring to save a friend from drowning. Until ten years of age, Andrew was a ragged boy about the streets, supported by the labor of his mother, who obtained her living with her own hands.

He then, having never attended a school one day, and being unable either to read or write, was apprenticed to a tailor in his native town. A gentleman was in the habit of going to the tailor's shop occasionally, and reading to the boys at work there. He often read from the speeches of distinguished British statesmen. Andrew, who was endowed with a mind of more than ordinary ability, became much interested in these speeches; his ambition was roused, and he was inspired with a strong desire to learn to read.

He accordingly applied himself to the alphabet, and with the assistance of some of his fellow-workmen learned his letters. He then called upon the gentleman to borrow the book of speeches. The owner, pleased with his zeal, not only gave him the book, but assisted him in learning to combine the letters into words. Under such difficulties he pressed onward laboriously, spending usually ten or twelve hours at work in the shop, and then robbing himself of rest and recreation to devote such time as he could to reading.

He went to Tennessee in 1826, and located at

Greenville, where he married a young lady who possessed some education. Under her instructions he learned to write and cipher. He became prominent in the village debating society, and a favorite with the students of Greenville College. In 1828, he organized a working man's party, which elected him Alderman, and in 1830 elected him Mayor, which position he held three years.

He now began to take a lively interest in political affairs, identifying himself with the working-class, to which he belonged. In 1835, he was elected a member of the House of Representatives of Tennessee. He was then just twenty-seven years of age. He became a very active member of the Legislature, gave his support to the Democratic party, and in 1840 "stumped the State," advocating Martin Van Buren's claims to the Presidency, in opposition to those of Gen. Harrison. In this campaign he acquired much readiness as a speaker, and extended and increased his reputation.

In 1841, he was elected State Senator; in 1843, he was elected a Member of Congress, and by successive elections held that important post for ten years. In 1853, he was elected Governor of Tennessee, and was re-elected in 1855. In all these responsible positions, he discharged his duties with distinguished ability, and proved himself the warm friend of the working classes. In 1857, Mr. Johnson was elected United States Senator.

Years before, in 1845, he had warmly advocated the annexation of Texas, stating, however, as his reason, that he thought this annexation would probably prove "to be the gateway out of which the sable sons of Africa are to pass from bondage to freedom, and become merged in a population congenial to themselves." In 1850, he also supported the compromise measures, the two essen-

tial features of which were, that the white people of the Territories should be permitted to decide for themselves whether they would enslave the colored people or not, and that the free States of the North should return to the South persons who attempted to escape from slavery.

Mr. Johnson was never ashamed of his lowly origin: on the contrary, he often took pride in avowing that he owed his distinction to his own exertions. "Sir," said he on the floor of the Senate, "I do not forget that I am a mechanic; neither do I forget that Adam was a tailor and sewed fig-leaves, and that our Savior was the son of a carpenter."

In the Charleston-Baltimore convention of 1860, he was the choice of the Tennessee Democrats for the Presidency. In 1861, when the purpose of the Southern Democracy became apparent, he took a decided stand in favor of the Union, and held that "slavery must be held subordinate to the Union at whatever cost." He returned to Tennessee, and repeatedly imperiled his own life to protect the Unionists of that State. Tennessee having seceded from the Union, President Lincoln, on March 4, 1862, appointed him Military Governor of the State, and he established the most stringent military rule. His numerous proclamations attracted wide attention. In 1864, he was elected Vice-President of the United States, and upon the death of Mr. Lincoln, April 15, 1865, became President. In a speech two days later he said, "The American people must be taught, if they do not already feel, that treason is a crime and must be punished; that the Government will not always bear with its enemies; that it is strong not only to protect, but to punish. \* \* The people must understand that it (treason) is the blackest of crimes, and will surely be punished." Yet his whole administration, the history of which is so well known, was in utter inconsistency with, and in the most violent opposition to, the principles laid down in that speech.

In his loose policy of reconstruction and general amnesty, he was opposed by Congress, and he characterized Congress as a new rebellion, and lawlessly defied it in everything possible to the utmost. In the beginning of 1868, on account of

"High crimes and misdemeanors," the principal of which was the removal of Secretary Stanton in violation of the Tenure of Office Act, articles of impeachment were preferred against him, and the trial began March 23.

It was very tedious, continuing for nearly three months. A test article of the impeachment was at length submitted to the court for its action. It was certain that as the court voted upon that article so would it vote upon all. Thirty-four voices pronounced the President guilty. As a two-thirds vote was necessary to his condemnation, he was pronounced acquitted, notwithstanding the great majority against him. The change of one vote from the *not guilty* side would have sustained the impeachment.

The President, for the remainder of his term, was but little regarded. He continued, though impotently, his conflict with Congress. His own party did not think it expedient to renominate him for the Presidency. The Nation rallied with enthusiasm, unparalleled since the days of Washington, around the name of Gen. Grant. Andrew Johnson was forgotten. The bullet of the assassin introduced him to the President's chair. Notwithstanding this, never was there presented to a man a better opportunity to immortalize his name, and to win the gratitude of a nation. He failed utterly. He retired to his home in Greenville, Tenn., taking no very active part in politics until 1875. On January 26, after an exciting struggle, he was chosen by the Legislature of Tennessee United States Senator in the Forty-fourth Congress, and took his seat in that body, at the special session convened by President Grant, on the 5th of March. On the 27th of July, 1875, the ex-President made a visit to his daughter's home, near Carter Station, Tenn. When he started on his journey, he was apparently in his usual vigorous health, but on reaching the residence of his child the following day, he was stricken with paralysis, which rendered him unconscious. He rallied occasionally, but finally passed away at 2 A. M., July 31, aged sixty-seven years. His funeral was held at Greenville, on the 3d of August, with every demonstration of respect.





*G. S. Grant*

## ULYSSES S. GRANT.

ULYSSES S. GRANT, the eighteenth President of the United States, was born on the 29th of April, 1822, of Christian parents, in a humble home at Point Pleasant, on the banks of the Ohio. Shortly after, his father moved to Georgetown, Brown County, Ohio. In this remote frontier hamlet, Ulysses received a common-school education. At the age of seventeen, in the year 1839, he entered the Military Academy at West Point. Here he was regarded as a solid, sensible young man, of fair ability, and of sturdy, honest character. He took respectable rank as a scholar. In June, 1843, he graduated about the middle in his class, and was sent as Lieutenant of Infantry to one of the distant military posts in the Missouri Territory. Two years he passed in these dreary solitudes, watching the vagabond Indians.

The war with Mexico came. Lieut. Grant was sent with his regiment to Corpus Christi. His first battle was at Palo Alto. There was no chance here for the exhibition of either skill or heroism, nor at Resaca de la Palma, his second battle. At the battle of Monterey, his third engagement, it is said that he performed a signal service of daring and skillful horsemanship.

At the close of the Mexican War, Capt. Grant returned with his regiment to New York, and was again sent to one of the military posts on the frontier. The discovery of gold in California causing an immense tide of emigration to flow to the Pacific shores, Capt. Grant was sent with a battalion to Ft. Dallas, in Oregon, for the protection of the interests of the immigrants. But life was wearisome in those wilds, and he resigned his commission and returned to the States. Having married, he entered upon the cultivation of a small farm near St. Louis, Mo., but having little

skill as a farmer, and finding his toil not remunerative, he turned to mercantile life, entering into the leather business, with a younger brother at Galena, Ill. This was in the year 1860. As the tidings of the rebels firing on Ft. Sumter reached the ears of Capt. Grant in his counting-room, he said: "Uncle Sam has educated me for the army; though I have served him through one war, I do not feel that I have yet repaid the debt. I am still ready to discharge my obligations. I shall therefore buckle on my sword and see Uncle Sam through this war too."

He went into the streets, raised a company of volunteers, and led them as their Captain to Springfield, the capital of the State, where their services were offered to Gov. Yates. The Governor, impressed by the zeal and straightforward executive ability of Capt. Grant, gave him a desk in his office to assist in the volunteer organization that was being formed in the State in behalf of the Government. On the 15th of June, 1861, Capt. Grant received a commission as Colonel of the Twenty-first Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. His merits as a West Point graduate, who had served for fifteen years in the regular army, were such that he was soon promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General, and was placed in command at Cairo. The rebels raised their banner at Paducah, near the mouth of the Tennessee River. Scarcely had its folds appeared in the breeze ere Gen. Grant was there. The rebels fled, their banner fell, and the Stars and Stripes were unfurled in its stead.

He entered the service with great determination and immediately began active duty. This was the beginning, and until the surrender of Lee at Richmond he was ever pushing the enemy

with great vigor and effectiveness. At Belmont, a few days later, he surprised and routed the rebels, then at Ft. Henry won another victory. Then came the brilliant fight at Ft. Donelson. The nation was electrified by the victory, and the brave leader of the boys in blue was immediately made a Major-General, and the military district of Tennessee was assigned to him.

Like all great captains, Gen. Grant knew well how to secure the results of victory. He immediately pushed on to the enemies' lines. Then came the terrible battles of Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, and the siege of Vicksburg, where Gen. Pemberton made an unconditional surrender of the city with over thirty thousand men and one hundred and seventy-two cannon. The fall of Vicksburg was by far the most severe blow which the rebels had thus far encountered, and opened up the Mississippi from Cairo to the Gulf.

Gen. Grant was next ordered to co-operate with Gen. Banks in a movement upon Texas, and proceeded to New Orleans, where he was thrown from his horse, and received severe injuries, from which he was laid up for months. He then rushed to the aid of Gens. Rosecrans and Thomas at Chattanooga, and by a wonderful series of strategic and technical measures put the Union army in fighting condition. Then followed the bloody battles at Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, in which the rebels were routed with great loss. This won for him unbounded praise in the North. On the 4th of February, 1864, Congress revived the grade of lieutenant-general, and the rank was conferred on Gen. Grant. He repaired to Washington to receive his credentials and enter upon the duties of his new office.

Gen. Grant decided as soon as he took charge of the army to concentrate the widely-dispersed National troops for an attack upon Richmond, the nominal capital of the rebellion, and endeavor there to destroy the rebel armies which would be promptly assembled from all quarters for its defense. The whole continent seemed to tremble under the tramp of these majestic armies, rushing to the decisive battle-field. Steamers were crowded with troops. Railway trains were burdened

with closely-packed thousands. His plans were comprehensive, and involved a series of campaigns, which were executed with remarkable energy and ability, and were consummated at the surrender of Lee, April 9, 1865.

The war was ended. The Union was saved. The almost unanimous voice of the nation declared Gen. Grant to be the most prominent instrument in its salvation. The eminent services he had thus rendered the country brought him conspicuously forward as the Republican candidate for the Presidential chair.

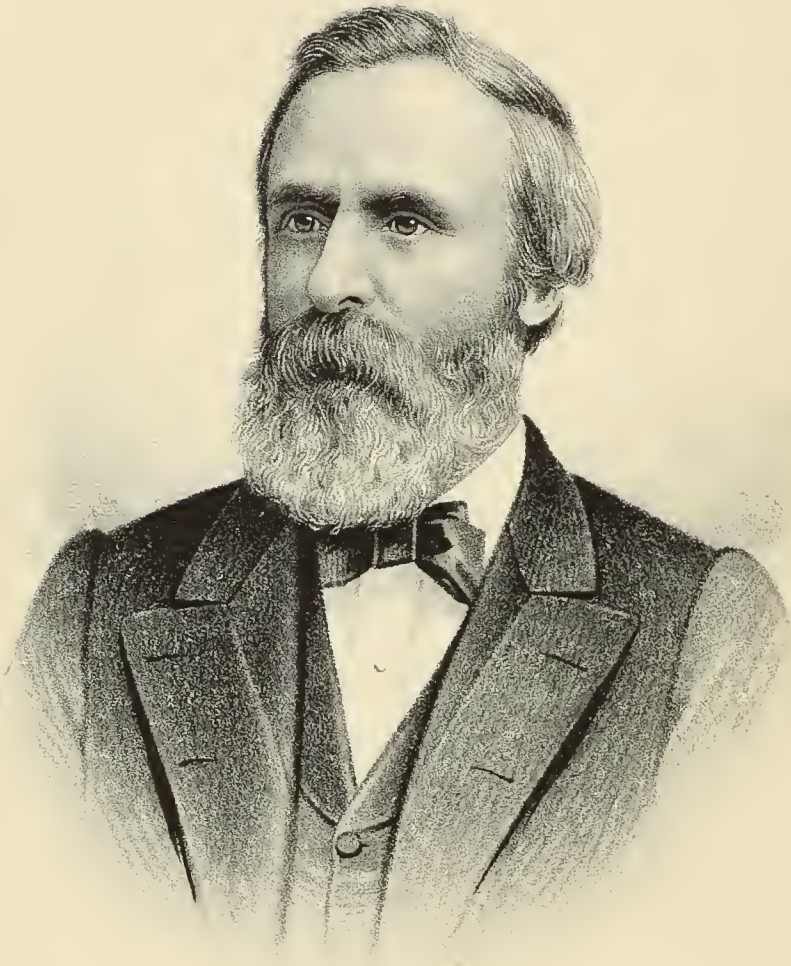
At the Republican Convention held at Chicago, May 21, 1868, he was unanimously nominated for the Presidency, and at the autumn election received a majority of the popular vote, and two hundred and fourteen out of two hundred and ninety-four electoral votes.

The National Convention of the Republican party, which met at Philadelphia on the 5th of June, 1872, placed Gen. Grant in nomination for a second term by a unanimous vote. The selection was emphatically indorsed by the people five months later, two hundred and ninety-two electoral votes being cast for him.

Soon after the close of his second term, Gen. Grant started upon his famous trip around the world. He visited almost every country of the civilized world, and was everywhere received with such ovations and demonstrations of respect and honor, private as well as public and official, as were never before bestowed upon any citizen of the United States.

He was the most prominent candidate before the Republican National Convention in 1880 for a renomination for President. He went to New York and embarked in the brokerage business under the firm name of Grant & Ward. The latter proved a villain, wrecked Grant's fortune, and for larceny was sent to the penitentiary. The General was attacked with cancer in the throat, but suffered in his stoic-like manner, never complaining. He was re-instated as General of the Army, and retired by Congress. The cancer soon finished its deadly work, and July 23, 1885, the nation went in mourning over the death of the illustrious General.





Sincerely  
R. B. Hayes



## RUTHERFORD B. HAYES.

**R**UTHERFORD B. HAYES, the nineteenth President of the United States, was born in Delaware, Ohio, October 4, 1822, almost three months after the death of his father, Rutherford Hayes. His ancestry on both the paternal and maternal sides was of the most honorable character. It can be traced, it is said, as far back as 1280, when Hayes and Rutherford were two Scottish chieftains, fighting side by side with Baliol, William Wallace and Robert Bruce. Both families belonged to the nobility, owned extensive estates, and had a large following. Misfortune overtaking the family, George Hayes left Scotland in 1680, and settled in Windsor, Conn. His son George was born in Windsor, and remained there during his life. Daniel Hayes, son of the latter, married Sarah Lee, and lived from the time of his marriage until his death in Simsbury, Conn. Ezekiel, son of Daniel, was born in 1724, and was a manufacturer of scythes at Bradford, Conn. Rutherford Hayes, son of Ezekiel and grandfather of President Hayes, was born in New Haven, in August, 1756. He was a farmer, blacksmith and tavern-keeper. He emigrated to Vermont at an unknown date, settling in Brattleboro, where he established a hotel. Here his son, Rutherford Hayes, the father of President Hayes, was born. He was married, in September, 1813, to Sophia Birchard, of Wilmington, Vt., whose ancestors emigrated thither from Connecticut, they having been among the wealthiest and best families of Norwich. Her ancestry on the male side is traced back to 1635, to John Birchard, one of the principal founders of Norwich. Both of her grandfathers were soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

The father of President Hayes was an industrious, frugal, yet open-hearted man. He was of a

mechanical turn of mind, and could mend a plow, knit a stocking, or do almost anything else that he chose to undertake. He was a member of the church, active in all the benevolent enterprises of the town, and conducted his business on Christian principles. After the close of the War of 1812, for reasons inexplicable to his neighbors, he resolved to emigrate to Ohio.

The journey from Vermont to Ohio in that day, when there were no canals, steamers, or railways, was a very serious affair. A tour of inspection was first made, occupying four months. Mr. Hayes decided to move to Delaware, where the family arrived in 1817. He died July 22, 1822, a victim of malarial fever, less than three months before the birth of the son of whom we write. Mrs. Hayes, in her sore bereavement, found the support she so much needed in her brother Sardis, who had been a member of the household from the day of its departure from Vermont, and in an orphan girl, whom she had adopted some time before as an act of charity.

Rutherford was seven years old before he went to school. His education, however, was not neglected. He probably learned as much from his mother and sister as he would have done at school. His sports were almost wholly within doors, his playmates being his sister and her associates. These circumstances tended, no doubt, to foster that gentleness of disposition and that delicate consideration for the feelings of others which were marked traits of his character.

His uncle, Sardis Birchard, took the deepest interest in his education; and as the boy's health had improved, and he was making good progress in his studies, he proposed to send him to college. His preparation commenced with a tutor at home;

but he was afterwards sent for one year to a professor in the Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. He entered Kenyon College in 1838, at the age of sixteen, and was graduated at the head of his class in 1842.

Immediately after his graduation he began the study of law in the office of Thomas Sparrow, Esq., in Columbus. Finding his opportunities for study in Columbus somewhat limited, he determined to enter the Law School at Cambridge, Mass., where he remained two years.

In 1845, after graduating at the Law School, he was admitted to the Bar at Marietta, Ohio, and shortly afterward went into practice as an attorney-at-law with Ralph P. Buckland, of Fremont. Here he remained three years, acquiring but a limited practice, and apparently unambitious of distinction in his profession.

In 1849 he moved to Cincinnati, where his ambition found a new stimulus. For several years, however, his progress was slow. Two events occurring at this period had a powerful influence upon his subsequent life. One of these was his marriage with Miss Lucy Ware Webb, daughter of Dr. James Webb, of Chillicothe; the other was his introduction to the Cincinnati Literary Club, a body embracing among its members such men as Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, Gen. John Pope, Gov. Edward F. Noyes, and many others hardly less distinguished in after life. The marriage was a fortunate one in every respect, as everybody knows. Not one of all the wives of our Presidents was more universally admired, revered and beloved than was Mrs. Hayes, and no one did more than she to reflect honor upon American womanhood. The Literary Club brought Mr. Hayes into constant association with young men of high character and noble aims, and lured him to display the qualities so long hidden by his bashfulness and modesty.

In 1856 he was nominated to the office of Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, but he declined to accept the nomination. Two years later, the office of City Solicitor becoming vacant, the City Council elected him for the unexpired term.

In 1861, when the Rebellion broke out, he was at the zenith of his professional life. His rank at

the Bar was among the first. But the news of the attack on Ft. Sumter found him eager to take up arms for the defense of his country.

His military record was bright and illustrious. In October, 1861, he was made Lieutenant-Colonel, and in August, 1862, promoted Colonel of the Seventy-ninth Ohio Regiment, but he refused to leave his old comrades and go among strangers. Subsequently, however, he was made Colonel of his old regiment. At the battle of South Mountain he received a wound, and while faint and bleeding displayed courage and fortitude that won admiration from all.

Col. Hayes was detached from his regiment, after his recovery, to act as Brigadier-General, and placed in command of the celebrated Kanawha division, and for gallant and meritorious services in the battles of Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek, he was promoted Brigadier-General. He was also breveted Major-General, "for gallant and distinguished services during the campaigns of 1864, in West Virginia." In the course of his arduous services, four horses were shot from under him, and he was wounded four times.

In 1864, Gen. Hayes was elected to Congress from the Second Ohio District, which had long been Democratic. He was not present during the campaign, and after the election was importuned to resign his commission in the army; but he finally declared, "I shall never come to Washington until I can come by way of Richmond." He was re-elected in 1866.

In 1867, Gen. Hayes was elected Governor of Ohio, over Hon. Allen G. Thurman, a popular Democrat, and in 1869 was re-elected over George H. Pendleton. He was elected Governor for the third term in 1875.

In 1876 he was the standard-bearer of the Republican party in the Presidential contest, and after a hard, long contest was chosen President, and was inaugurated Monday, March 5, 1877. He served his full term, not, however, with satisfaction to his party, but his administration was an average one. The remaining years of his life were passed quietly in his Ohio home, where he passed away January 17, 1893.





*J. Gayfield*

# JAMES A. GARFIELD.

JAMES A. GARFIELD, twentieth President of the United States, was born November 19, 1831, in the woods of Orange, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. His parents were Abram and Eliza (Ballou) Garfield, both of New England ancestry, and from families well known in the early history of that section of our country, but who had moved to the Western Reserve, in Ohio, early in its settlement.

The house in which James A. was born was not unlike the houses of poor Ohio farmers of that day. It was about 20 x 30 feet, built of logs, with the spaces between the logs filled with clay. His father was a hard-working farmer, and he soon had his fields cleared, an orchard planted, and a log barn built. The household comprised the father and mother and their four children, Mehetabel, Thomas, Mary and James. In May, 1823, the father died from a cold contracted in helping to put out a forest fire. At this time James was about eighteen months old, and Thomas about ten years old. No one, perhaps, can tell how much James was indebted to his brother's toil and self-sacrifice during the twenty years succeeding his father's death. He now lives in Michigan, and the two sisters live in Solon, Ohio, near their birthplace.

The early educational advantages young Garfield enjoyed were very limited, yet he made the most of them. He labored at farm work for others, did carpenter work, chopped wood, or did anything that would bring in a few dollars to aid his widowed mother in her struggles to keep the little family together. Nor was Gen. Garfield ever ashamed of his origin, and he never forgot the friends of his struggling childhood, youth and manhood; neither did they ever forget him. When in the highest seats of honor, the humblest friend of his boyhood was as kindly greeted as ever. The poorest laborer was sure of the sympathy of one who had known all the bitterness of

want and the sweetness of bread earned by the sweat of the brow. He was ever the simple, plain, modest gentleman.

The highest ambition of young Garfield until he was about sixteen years old was to be captain of a vessel on Lake Erie. He was anxious to go aboard a vessel, but this his mother strongly opposed. She finally consented to his going to Cleveland, with the understanding, however, that he should try to obtain some other kind of employment. He walked all the way to Cleveland. This was his first visit to the city. After making many applications for work, and trying to get aboard a lake vessel and not meeting with success, he engaged as a driver for his cousin, Amos Letcher, on the Ohio & Pennsylvania Canal. He remained at this work but a short time, when he went home, and attended the seminary at Chester for about three years. He then entered Hiram and the Eclectic Institute, teaching a few terms of school in the mean time, and doing other work. This school was started by the Disciples of Christ in 1850, of which body he was then a member. He became janitor and bell-ringer in order to help pay his way. He then became both teacher and pupil. Soon "exhausting Hiram," and needing a higher education, in the fall of 1854 he entered Williams College, from which he graduated in 1856, taking one of the highest honors of his class. He afterwards returned to Hiram College as its President. As above stated, he early united with the Christian, or Disciples, Church at Hiram, and was ever after a devoted, zealous member, often preaching in its pulpit and places where he happened to be.

Mr. Garfield was united in marriage, November 11, 1858, with Miss Lucretia Rudolph, who proved herself worthy as the wife of one whom all the world loved. To them were born seven children, five of whom are still living, four boys and one girl.

Mr. Garfield made his first political speeches in 1856, in Hiram and the neighboring villages, and three years later he began to speak at county mass-meetings, and became the favorite speaker wherever he was. During this year he was elected to the Ohio Senate. He also began to study law at Cleveland, and in 1861 was admitted to the Bar. The great Rebellion broke out in the early part of this year, and Mr. Garfield at once resolved to fight as he had talked, and enlisted to defend the Old Flag. He received his commission as Lieutenant-Colonel of the Forty-second Regiment of Ohio Infantry August 14, 1861. He was immediately put into active service, and before he had ever seen a gun fired in action, was placed in command of four regiments of infantry and eight companies of cavalry, charged with the work of driving out of his native State the able rebel officer, Humphrey Marshall, of Kentucky. This work was bravely and speedily accomplished, although against great odds, and President Lincoln commissioned him Brigadier-General, January 10, 1862; and "as he had been the youngest man in the Ohio Senate two years before, so now he was the youngest General in the army." He was with Gen. Buell's army at Shiloh, in its operations around Corinth and its march through Alabama. He was then detailed as a member of the general court martial for the trial of Gen. Fitz-John Porter. He was next ordered to report to Gen. Rosecrans, and was assigned to the "Chief of Staff." The military history of Gen. Garfield closed with his brilliant services at Chickamauga, where he won the rank of Major-General.

Without an effort on his part, Gen. Garfield was elected to Congress in the fall of 1862, from the Nineteenth District of Ohio. This section of Ohio had been represented in Congress for sixty years mainly by two men—Elisha Whittlesey and Joshua R. Giddings. It was not without a struggle that he resigned his place in the army. At the time he entered Congress he was the youngest member in that body. There he remained by successive re-elections until he was elected President, in 1880. Of his labors in Congress, Senator Hoar says: "Since the year 1864 you cannot think of a question which has been debated in

Congress, or discussed before a tribunal of the American people, in regard to which you will not find, if you wish instruction, the argument on one side stated, in almost every instance better than by anybody else, in some speech made in the House of Representatives or on the hustings by Mr. Garfield."

Upon January 14, 1880, Gen. Garfield was elected to the United States Senate, and on the 8th of June, of the same year, was nominated as the candidate of his party for President at the great Chicago Convention. He was elected in the following November, and on March 4, 1881, was inaugurated. Probably no administration ever opened its existence under brighter auspices than that of President Garfield, and every day it grew in favor with the people. By the 1st of July he had completed all the initiatory and preliminary work of his administration, and was preparing to leave the city to meet his friends at Williams College. While on his way and at the depot, in company with Secretary Blaine, a man stepped behind him, drew a revolver, and fired directly at his back. The President tottered and fell, and as he did so the assassin fired a second shot, the bullet cutting the left coat sleeve of his victim, but inflicting no further injury. It has been very truthfully said that this was "the shot that was heard around the world." Never before in the history of the nation had anything occurred which so nearly froze the blood of the people for the moment as this awful deed. He was smitten on the brightest, gladdest day of all his life, at the summit of his power and hope. For eighty days, all during the hot months of July and August, he lingered and suffered. He, however, remained master of himself till the last, and by his magnificent bearing taught the country and the world one of the noblest of human lessons—how to live grandly in the very clutch of death. Great in life, he was surpassingly great in death. He passed serenely away September 19, 1883, at Elberon, N. J., on the very bank of the ocean, where he had been taken shortly before. The world wept at his death, as it rarely ever had done on the death of any other great and noble man.





*C. A. Johnson*



## CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR, twenty-first President of the United States, was born in Franklin County, Vt., on the 5th day of October, 1830, and was the eldest of a family of two sons and five daughters. His father was the Rev. Dr. William Arthur, a Baptist clergyman, who emigrated to this country from County Antrim, Ireland, in his eighteenth year, and died in 1875, in Newtonville, near Albany, after a long and successful ministry.

Young Arthur was educated at Union College, Schenectady, where he excelled in all his studies. After his graduation he taught school in Vermont for two years, and at the expiration of that time came to New York, with \$500 in his pocket, and entered the office of ex-Judge E. D. Culver as a student. After being admitted to the Bar, he formed a partnership with his intimate friend and room-mate, Henry D. Gardiner, with the intention of practicing in the West, and for three months they roamed about in the Western States in search of an eligible site, but in the end returned to New York, where they hung out their shingle, and entered upon a successful career almost from the start. Gen. Arthur soon after married the daughter of Lieut. Herndon, of the United States Navy, who was lost at sea. Congress voted a gold medal to his widow in recognition of the bravery he displayed on that occasion. Mrs. Arthur died shortly before Mr. Arthur's nomination to the Vice-Presidency, leaving two children.

Gen. Arthur obtained considerable legal celebrity in his first great case, the famous Lemmon suit, brought to recover possession of eight slaves who had been declared free by Judge Paine, of the Superior Court of New York City. It was in

1852 that Jonathan Lemmon, of Virginia, went to New York with his slaves, intending to ship them to Texas, when they were discovered and freed. The Judge decided that they could not be held by the owner under the Fugitive Slave Law. A howl of rage went up from the South, and the Virginia Legislature authorized the Attorney-General of that State to assist in an appeal. William M. Evarts and Chester A. Arthur were employed to represent the people, and they won their case, which then went to the Supreme Court of the United States. Charles O'Connor here espoused the cause of the slaveholders, but he, too, was beaten by Messrs. Evarts and Arthur, and a long step was taken toward the emancipation of the black race.

Another great service was rendered by Gen. Arthur in the same cause in 1856. Lizzie Jennings, a respectable colored woman, was put off a Fourth Avenue car with violence after she had paid her fare. Gen. Arthur sued on her behalf, and secured a verdict of \$500 damages. The next day the company issued an order to admit colored persons to ride on their cars, and the other car companies quickly followed their example. Before that the Sixth Avenue Company ran a few special cars for colored persons, and the other lines refused to let them ride at all.

Gen. Arthur was a delegate to the convention at Saratoga that founded the Republican party. Previous to the war he was Judge-Advocate of the Second Brigade of the State of New York, and Gov. Morgan, of that State, appointed him Engineer-in-Chief of his staff. In 1861, he was made Inspector-General, and soon afterward became Quartermaster-General. In each of these offices he rendered great service to the Govern-

ment during the war. At the end of Gov. Morgan's term he resumed the practice of law, forming a partnership with Mr. Ransom, and then Mr. Phelps, the District Attorney of New York, was added to the firm. The legal practice of this well-known firm was very large and lucrative, as each of the gentlemen composing it was an able lawyer, and possessed a splendid local reputation, if not, indeed, one of national extent.

Mr. Arthur always took a leading part in State and city politics. He was appointed Collector of the Port of New York by President Grant, November 21, 1872, to succeed Thomas Murphy, and he held the office until July 20, 1878, when he was succeeded by Collector Merritt.

Mr. Arthur was nominated on the Presidential ticket, with Gen. James A. Garfield, at the famous National Republican Convention held at Chicago in June, 1880. This was perhaps the greatest political convention that ever assembled on the continent. It was composed of the leading politicians of the Republican party, all able men, and each stood firm and fought vigorously and with signal tenacity for his respective candidate that was before the convention for the nomination. Finally Gen. Garfield received the nomination for President, and Gen. Arthur for Vice-President. The campaign which followed was one of the most animated known in the history of our country. Gen. Hancock, the standard-bearer of the Democratic party, was a popular man, and his party made a valiant fight for his election.

Finally the election came, and the country's choice was Garfield and Arthur. They were inaugurated March 4, 1881, as President and Vice-President. A few months only had passed ere the newly-chosen President was the victim of the assassin's bullet. Then came terrible weeks of suffering—those moments of anxious suspense, when the hearts of all civilized nations were throbbing in unison, longing for the recovery of the noble, the good President. The remarkable patience that he manifested during those hours and weeks, and even months, of the most terrible suffering man has ever been called upon to endure, was seemingly more than human. It was

certainly godlike. During all this period of deepest anxiety Mr. Arthur's every move was watched, and, be it said to his credit, that his every action displayed only an earnest desire that the suffering Garfield might recover to serve the remainder of the term he had so auspiciously begun. Not a selfish feeling was manifested in deed or look of this man, even though the most honored position in the world was at any moment likely to fall to him.

At last God in his mercy relieved President Garfield from further suffering, and the world, as never before in its history over the death of any other man, wept at his bier. Then it became the duty of the Vice-President to assume the responsibilities of the high office, and he took the oath in New York, September 20, 1881. The position was an embarrassing one to him, made doubly so from the fact that all eyes were on him, anxious to know what he would do, what policy he would pursue, and whom he would select as advisers. The duties of the office had been greatly neglected during the President's long illness, and many important measures were to be immediately decided by him; and to still further embarrass him he did not fail to realize under what circumstances he became President, and knew the feelings of many on this point. Under these trying circumstances, President Arthur took the reins of the Government in his own hands, and, as embarrassing as was the condition of affairs, he happily surprised the nation, acting so wisely that but few criticized his administration. He served the nation well and faithfully until the close of his administration, March 4, 1885, and was a popular candidate before his party for a second term. His name was ably presented before the convention at Chicago, and was received with great favor, and doubtless but for the personal popularity of one of the opposing candidates, he would have been selected as the standard-bearer of his party for another campaign. He retired to private life, carrying with him the best wishes of the American people, whom he had served in a manner satisfactory to them and with credit to himself. One year later he was called to his final rest.





*Grover Cleveland*

## STEPHEN GROVER CLEVELAND.

STEPHEN GROVER CLEVELAND, the twenty-second President of the United States, was born in 1837, in the obscure town of Caldwell, Essex County, N. J., and in a little two-and-a-half-story white house, which is still standing to characteristically mark the humble birthplace of one of America's great men, in striking contrast with the Old World, where all men high in office must be high in origin and born in the cradle of wealth. When the subject of this sketch was three years of age, his father, who was a Presbyterian minister with a large family and a small salary, moved, by way of the Hudson River and Erie Canal, to Fayetteville, N. Y., in search of an increased income and a larger field of work. Fayetteville was then the most straggling of country villages, about five miles from Pompey Hill, where Governor Seymour was born.

At the last-mentioned place young Grover commenced going to school in the good, old-fashioned way, and presumably distinguished himself after the manner of all village boys—in doing the things he ought not to do. Such is the distinguishing trait of all geniuses and independent thinkers. When he arrived at the age of fourteen years, he had outgrown the capacity of the village school, and expressed a most emphatic desire to be sent to an academy. To this his father decidedly objected. Academies in those days cost money; besides, his father wanted him to become self-supporting by the quickest possible means, and this at that time in Fayetteville seemed to be a position in a country store, where his father and the large family on his hands had

considerable influence. Grover was to be paid \$50 for his services the first year, and if he proved trustworthy he was to receive \$100 the second year. Here the lad commenced his career as salesman, and in two years he had earned so good a reputation for trustworthiness that his employers desired to retain him for an indefinite length of time.

But instead of remaining with this firm in Fayetteville, he went with the family in their removal to Clinton, where he had an opportunity of attending a High School. Here he industriously pursued his studies until the family removed with him to a point on Black River known as the "Holland Patent," a village of five or six hundred people, fifteen miles north of Utica, N. Y. At this place his father died, after preaching but three Sundays. This event broke up the family, and Grover set out for New York City to accept, at a small salary, the position of under-teacher in an asylum for the blind. He taught faithfully for two years, and although he obtained a good reputation in this capacity, he concluded that teaching was not his calling in life, and, reversing the traditional order, he left the city to seek his fortune, instead of going to the city. He first thought of Cleveland, Ohio, as there was some charm in that name for him; but before proceeding to that place he went to Buffalo to ask advice of his uncle, Lewis F. Allan, a noted stock-breeder of that place. The latter did not speak enthusiastically. "What is it you want to do, my boy?" he asked. "Well, sir, I want to study law," was the reply "Good gracious!" remarked the old gentleman; "do you, indeed? Whatever

put that into your head? How much money have you got?" "Well, sir, to tell the truth, I haven't got any."

After a long consultation, his uncle offered him a place temporarily as assistant herd-keeper, at \$50 a year, while he could look around. One day soon afterward he boldly walked into the office of Rogers, Bowen & Rogers, of Buffalo, and told them what he wanted. A number of young men were already engaged in the office, but Grover's persistency won, and he was finally permitted to come as an office boy and have the use of the law library, receiving as wages the sum of \$3 or \$4 a week. Out of this he had to pay for his board and washing. The walk to and from his uncle's was a long and rugged one; and although the first winter was a memorably severe one, his shoes were out of repair, and as for his overcoat he had none; yet he was, nevertheless, prompt and regular. On the first day of his service there, his senior employer threw down a copy of Blackstone before him, with a bang that made the dust fly, saying "That's where they all begin." A titter ran around the little circle of clerks and students, as they thought that was enough to scare young Grover out of his plans; but in due time he mastered that cumbersome volume. Then, as ever afterward, however, Mr. Cleveland exhibited a talent for executiveness rather than for chasing principles through all their metaphysical possibilities. "Let us quit talking and go and do it," was practically his motto.

The first public office to which Mr. Cleveland was elected was that of Sheriff of Erie County, N. Y., in which Buffalo is situated; and in such capacity it fell to his duty to inflict capital punishment upon two criminals. In 1881 he was elected Mayor of the City of Buffalo, on the Democratic ticket, with especial reference to bringing about certain reforms in the administration of the municipal affairs of that city. In this office, as well as in that of Sheriff, his performance of duty has generally been considered fair, with possibly a few exceptions, which were ferreted out and magnified during his Presidential campaign. As a specimen of his plain language in a veto message, we quote from one vetoing an

iniquitous street-cleaning contract: "This is a time for plain speech, and my objection to your action shall be plainly stated. I regard it as the culmination of a most bare-faced, impudent and shameless scheme to betray the interests of the people and to worse than squander the people's money." The *New York Sun* afterward very highly commended Mr. Cleveland's administration as Mayor of Buffalo, and thereupon recommended him for Governor of the Empire State. To the latter office he was elected in 1882, and his administration of the affairs of State was generally satisfactory. The mistakes he made, if any, were made very public throughout the nation after he was nominated for President of the United States. For this high office he was nominated July 11, 1884, by the National Democratic Convention at Chicago, when other competitors were Thomas F. Bayard, Roswell P. Flower, Thomas A. Hendricks, Benjamin F. Butler, Allen G. Thurman, etc.; and he was elected by the people, by a majority of about a thousand, over the brilliant and long-trying Republican statesman, James G. Blaine. President Cleveland resigned his office as Governor of New York in January, 1885, in order to prepare for his duties as the Chief Executive of the United States, in which capacity his term commenced at noon on the 4th of March, 1885.

The silver question precipitated a controversy between those who were in favor of the continuance of silver coinage and those who were opposed, Mr. Cleveland answering for the latter, even before his inauguration.

On June 2, 1886, President Cleveland married Frances, daughter of his deceased friend and partner, Oscar Folsom, of the Buffalo Bar. Their union has been blessed by the birth of two daughters. In the campaign of 1888, President Cleveland was renominated by his party, but the Republican candidate, Gen. Benjamin Harrison, was victorious. In the nominations of 1892 these two candidates for the highest position in the gift of the people were again pitted against each other, and in the ensuing election President Cleveland was victorious by an overwhelming majority.





*Benj. Harrison*



## BENJAMIN HARRISON.

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**B**ENJAMIN HARRISON, the twenty-third President, is the descendant of one of the historical families of this country. The first known head of the family was Maj.-Gen. Harrison, one of Oliver Cromwell's trusted followers and fighters. In the zenith of Cromwell's power it became the duty of this Harrison to participate in the trial of Charles I., and afterward to sign the death warrant of the king. He subsequently paid for this with his life, being hung October 13, 1660. His descendants came to America, and the next of the family that appears in history is Benjamin Harrison, of Virginia, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, and after whom he was named. Benjamin Harrison was a member of the Continental Congress during the years 1774, 1775 and 1776, and was one of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence. He was three times elected Governor of Virginia.

Gen. William Henry Harrison, the son of the distinguished patriot of the Revolution, after a successful career as a soldier during the War of 1812, and with a clean record as Governor of the Northwestern Territory, was elected President of the United States in 1840. His career was cut short by death within one month after his inauguration.

President Harrison was born at North Bend,

Hamilton County, Ohio, August 20, 1833. His life up to the time of his graduation from Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio, was the uneventful one of a country lad of a family of small means. His father was able to give him a good education, and nothing more. He became engaged while at college to the daughter of Dr. Scott, Principal of a female school at Oxford. After graduating, he determined to enter upon the study of law. He went to Cincinnati and there read law for two years. At the expiration of that time young Harrison received the only inheritance of his life—his aunt, dying, left him a lot valued at \$800. He regarded this legacy as a fortune, and decided to get married at once, take this money and go to some Eastern town and begin the practice of law. He sold his lot, and, with the money in his pocket, he started out with his young wife to fight for a place in the world. He decided to go to Indianapolis, which was even at that time a town of promise. He met with slight encouragement at first, making scarcely anything the first year. He worked diligently, applying himself closely to his calling, built up an extensive practice and took a leading rank in the legal profession.

In 1860, Mr. Harrison was nominated for the position of Supreme Court Reporter, and then began his experience as a stump speaker. He can-

vassed the State thoroughly, and was elected by a handsome majority. In 1862 he raised the Seventeenth Indiana Infantry, and was chosen its Colonel. His regiment was composed of the rawest material, but Col. Harrison employed all his time at first in mastering military tactics and drilling his men, and when he came to move toward the East with Sherman, his regiment was one of the best drilled and organized in the army. At Resaca he especially distinguished himself, and for his bravery at Peachtree Creek he was made a Brigadier-General, Gen. Hooker speaking of him in the most complimentary terms.

During the absence of Gen. Harrison in the field, the Supreme Court declared the office of Supreme Court Reporter vacant, and another person was elected to the position. From the time of leaving Indiana with his regiment until the fall of 1864 he had taken no leave of absence, but having been nominated that year for the same office, he got a thirty-day leave of absence, and during that time made a brilliant canvass of the State, and was elected for another term. He then started to rejoin Sherman, but on the way was stricken down with scarlet fever, and after a most trying attack made his way to the front in time to participate in the closing incidents of the war.

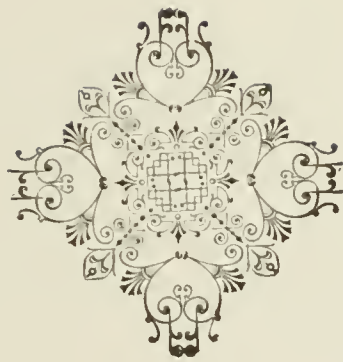
In 1868 Gen. Harrison declined a re-election as Reporter, and resumed the practice of law. In 1876 he was a candidate for Governor. Although defeated, the brilliant campaign he made won for him a national reputation, and he was much sought after, especially in the East, to make speeches. In 1880, as usual, he took an active part in the campaign, and was elected to the United States Senate. Here he served for six years, and was known as one of the ablest men, best lawyers and strongest debaters in that body. With the expiration of his senatorial term he returned to the practice of his profession, becoming the head of one of the strongest firms in the State.

The political campaign of 1888 was one of the most memorable in the history of our country. The convention which assembled in Chicago in June and named Mr. Harrison as the chief standard-bearer of the Republican party was great in every particular, and on this account, and the at-

titude it assumed upon the vital questions of the day, chief among which was the tariff, awoke a deep interest in the campaign throughout the nation. Shortly after the nomination, delegations began to visit Mr. Harrison at Indianapolis, his home. This movement became popular, and from all sections of the country societies, clubs and delegations journeyed thither to pay their respects to the distinguished statesman.

Mr. Harrison spoke daily all through the summer and autumn to these visiting delegations, and so varied, masterly, and eloquent were his speeches that they at once placed him in the foremost rank of American orators and statesmen. Elected by a handsome majority, he served his country faithfully and well, and in 1892 was nominated for re-election; but the people demanded a change and he was defeated by his predecessor in office, Grover Cleveland.

On account of his eloquence as a speaker and his power as a debater, Gen. Harrison was called upon at an early age to take part in the discussion of the great questions that then began to agitate the country. He was an uncompromising anti-slavery man, and was matched against some of the most eminent Democratic speakers of his State. No man who felt the touch of his blade desired to be pitted with him again. With all his eloquence as an orator he never spoke for oratorical effect, but his words always went like bullets to the mark. He is purely American in his ideas, and is a splendid type of the American statesman. Gifted with quick perception, a logical mind and a ready tongue, he is one of the most distinguished impromptu speakers in the nation. Many of these speeches sparkled with the rarest eloquence and contained arguments of great weight, and many of his terse statements have already become aphorisms. Original in thought, precise in logic, terse in statement, yet without faultless in eloquence, he is recognized as the sound statesman and brilliant orator of the day. During the last days of his administration President Harrison suffered an irreparable loss in the death of his devoted wife, Caroline (Scott) Harrison, a lady of many womanly charms and virtues. They were the parents of two children.







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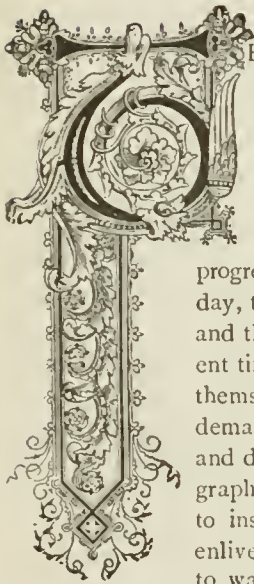
PENNSYLVANIA.







# INTRODUCTORY.



THE time has arrived when it becomes the duty of the people of this county to perpetuate the names of their pioneers, to furnish a record of their early settlement, and relate the story of their progress. The civilization of our day, the enlightenment of the age and the duty that men of the present time owe to their ancestors, to themselves and to their posterity, demand that a record of their lives and deeds should be made. In biographical history is found a power to instruct man by precedent, to enliven the mental faculties, and to waft down the river of time a

safe vessel in which the names and actions of the people who contributed to raise this country from its primitive state may be preserved. Surely and rapidly the great and aged men, who in their prime entered the wilderness and claimed the virgin soil as their heritage, are passing to their graves. The number remaining who can relate the incidents of the first days of settlement is becoming small indeed, so that an actual necessity exists for the collection and preservation of events without delay, before all the early settlers are cut down by the scythe of Time.

To be forgotten has been the great dread of mankind from remotest ages. All will be forgotten soon enough, in spite of their best works and the most earnest efforts of their friends to preserve the memory of their lives. The means employed to prevent oblivion and to perpetuate their memory has been in proportion to the amount of intelligence they possessed. The pyramids of Egypt were built to perpetuate the names and deeds of their great rulers. The exhumations made by the archeologists of Egypt from buried Memphis indicate a desire of those people

to perpetuate the memory of their achievements. The erection of the great obelisks were for the same purpose. Coming down to a later period, we find the Greeks and Romans erecting mausoleums and monuments, and carving out statues to chronicle their great achievements and carry them down the ages. It is also evident that the Mound-builders, in piling up their great mounds of earth, had but this idea—to leave something to show that they had lived. All these works, though many of them costly in the extreme, give but a faint idea of the lives and characters of those whose memory they were intended to perpetuate, and scarcely anything of the masses of the people that then lived. The great pyramids and some of the obelisks remain objects only of curiosity; the mausoleums, monuments and statues are crumbling into dust.

It was left to modern ages to establish an intelligent, undecaying, immutable method of perpetuating a full history—immutable in that it is almost unlimited in extent and perpetual in its action; and this is through the art of printing.

To the present generation, however, we are indebted for the introduction of the admirable system of local biography. By this system every man, though he has not achieved what the world calls greatness, has the means to perpetuate his life, his history, through the coming ages.

The scythe of Time cuts down all; nothing of the physical man is left. The monument which his children or friends may erect to his memory in the cemetery will crumble into dust and pass away; but his life, his achievements, the work he has accomplished, which otherwise would be forgotten, is perpetuated by a record of this kind.

To preserve the lineaments of our companions we engrave their portraits, for the same reason we collect the attainable facts of their history. Nor do we think it necessary, as we speak only truth of them, to wait until they are dead, or until those who know them are gone: to do this we are ashamed only to publish to the world the history of those whose lives are unworthy of public record.









JACOB BAUSMAN.



## BIOGRAPHICAL.

JACOB BAUSMAN was a representative of a large family which has taken deep root in the old Manor, and the founders of which belong to the famous Palatinate emigration, which has given to the social life of Lancaster County so many features, and so vastly added to its pre-eminence and prosperity. More than sixty years ago he attended John Beck's famous Litz School. The Bausmans of Kreuznach, Germany, were farmers and vine-dressers, and the first of them to come hither was Andreas, the brother of Henry. His nephew, Andreas, who remained in the Fatherland, died as recently as 1868, aged ninety years. The elder Andreas paid the equivalent of \$680 for three hundred and seventeen acres of land on the Millersville turnpike, from which a single acre has since been sold for nearly as much.

John Bausman, another son of Henry, and a nephew of the elder Andreas, fled from a French draft, which would have compelled him to fight against his own countrymen, and was welcomed here by his uncle in 1802. He became executor and chief heir of the local estates, and founder of the famous family of his name, which, though having distinguished members in professional and mercantile life, has been foremost in the agricultural concerns of the county, and now holds under cultivation over seven hundred acres of land in Manor and Lancaster Townships, nearly adjoining the city, and the richest and most populous section of this state.

To the traveler going out the Millersville turnpike on one hand appears a beautiful private residence, and to the left a commodious and comfort-

able one-story and a-half farm house with a substantial stone spring house near by. These buildings illustrate fitly the progress of the best type of the Lancaster County farmer. The spring house was built by Andreas Bausman in 1775, and there he made whiskey, shipping it to Pittsburg in casks, two of which were strapped on the back of a horse. Upon this site he established the homestead, which bids fair to remain in the family for generations. Here resided John, after he had reared his family and retired from farming, and here his son Philip built the mansion, one of the most elegant country seats in the county. The sister of the late Abraham Peters became the wife of John Bausman and the mother of his nine children, of whom the eldest two, Andrew and John, are deceased, and those surviving are Abraham, Samuel, Henry and Philip, farmers of the Manor; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Haverstick, of Manheim Township; Rev. Dr. Benjamin, the famous reformed preacher, author, editor and oriental traveler, and Jacob, the fourth son of the family, born October 18, 1812, who was one of the most conspicuous, influential and busy citizens of Lancaster.

The farmers' boys of this county sixty years ago left school and went to work when quite young. When our subject was about nineteen years of age he commenced learning the milling business at Wabank, then one of the most extensive local industries, and for a year and a-half he worked for \$4 per month, the following two years receiving \$11 per month. He soon developed a marked aptitude for business, and by sagacity in business ventures managed to lay the foundation of his future success. In 1835, when conducting

the mill for the owner, Jacob Huber, on shares, there was a failure in the wheat crop, and he early saw the demand that would follow for grain, and began buying up large quantities. Wheat commanded \$1.10 and \$1.20 at times, and during the entire winter he continued making large investments. On one occasion when an ark load of five hundred barrels of flour was detained on a canal for a short time to remove the heads of barrels, as they had become wet, flour advanced in price and Mr. Bausman made \$500 by the accident. In that year wheat was brought to this country from Europe, but only a low grade of flour could be made from it, and the entire product of Mr. Bausman's operations was needed for the local demand, it readily bringing \$11 per barrel in this city.

After seven years' experience in the mill, our subject, accompanied by John Lintner, concluded to try his fortune in the west and proceeded to Ohio. At a point between Springfield and Dayton they engaged in distilling and farming, but in the fall their fathers came out to view the situation, and not being satisfied with the prospect, induced the young men to return to Pennsylvania. The Wabank mill being then for sale, it was bought by Mr. Bausman and Col. William B. Fordney. On engaging in business for himself, our subject rapidly extended his operations in grain, which for fifteen years were of a very extensive character, and he became known all through eastern Pennsylvania as a large dealer in grain, lumber, flour and cattle. During the Irish famine in 1847, he dealt largely in corn, making frequent purchases and often engaging to deliver as much as ten thousand bushels at one transaction in the Philadelphia Corn Exchange.

Mr. Bausman finally sold his mill property to a hotel company, which made a failure of the enterprise. For years he was an almost daily visitor to Lancaster, and was constantly associated with its active business men and commercial concerns. He was one of the original members of the Lancaster Gas Company, and was early interested in the cotton mills, being one of the joint owners of Mill No. 3 at one time. During the existence of the Lancaster Fire Insurance Company he was one of its managers, and was extensively interested in the

Enterprise Coal Company. A great portion of his time was devoted to the management of the Farmers' National Bank, of which he was made President in 1868, and which has a history of over eighty-four years, having been established in 1810, with a capital of \$300,000. This has since then increased to \$450,000 and is the only bank remaining out of forty chartered by the Legislature in 1810. Mr. Bausman was one of the first stockholders and directors in the Millersville turnpike, was for many years identified with the Millersville State Normal School, and a Trustee of Franklin and Marshall College, being Treasurer of its Board for twenty-eight years. To this position he was succeeded by his son, J. W. B. Bausman, in June, 1893.

Until he was over forty years of age Jacob Bausman made his home with his father. In January, 1854, he married Mrs. Mary Baer, who died in February, 1862, leaving one son, J. W. B., who is now President of the Farmers' National Bank of this city. For years his home was on the Columbia Turnpike, about three miles west of the city, but some years ago he removed to Lancaster, making his home with his son on West Chestnut Street, and there his death occurred February 11, 1894. He was widely known as a business man of rare sagacity and unquestioned integrity. He justly took pride in his native country, and in the wealth and high cultivation of the lands of the Manor, on which his ancestors settled so many decades ago, and where their descendants remain among the first citizens of the community. Times have changed since those early days, and the miller of this generation has to watch more closely the fluctuations of the grain market, the farmer no longer has a distillery on his premises, but in the main, the agricultural methods are not radically different from those of half a century ago in Lancaster County, and in its history no name is more honored than that of Bausman.

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**J**OHN W. B. BAUSMAN is the only child of Jacob and Mary (Baer) Bausman, and is a leading lawyer and banker, who has been prominently connected with all public enterprises and improvements in this locality. He is

the capable and well known President of the Farmers' National Bank and seems to have a special fitness for financiering. His apprenticeship was served in the same institution, and from his youth he has been familiar with all the details of the large business transacted by this bank.

The birth of Mr. Bausman occurred in East Hempfield Township, of this county, March 12, 1855, and his early school days were passed at the common schools in the vicinity. Afterward he attended the Millersville State Normal School, then entering the Freshman Class at Lafayette College at Easton in September, 1870, from which he was graduated four years later with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Immediately afterward he began the study of law in the office of S. H. Reybolds, now deceased. Subsequently he accepted a clerkship in the Farmers' National Bank, which position he held a year and a-half, becoming familiar with the practical banking business. Resuming his studies, he was admitted to the Bar in December, 1877, and is still engaged in practice.

In 1878, and again in 1880, Mr. Bausman spent some months in traveling in Europe, and on his return gave for the benefit of charitable objects a number of lectures on his European observations, which were of a high character. He is one of the few attorneys in the city who are members of the American Bar Association, which holds its annual meeting at Saratoga. He holds an enviable place among the brethren of the legal profession in this city. Since 1880 he has been a Director of the Farmers' National Bank and Secretary of the Board for most of this period. He is Treasurer of Franklin and Marshall College, Secretary and Treasurer of the Manor Turnpike Road Company, Secretary and Treasurer of the Lancaster, Oxford & Southern Railroad Company; a Director of the Pennsylvania Investment Company of Reading, and a Director of the Electric Street Railway Company of Lancaster. In a number of other organizations in this city he is Treasurer, and his manifold duties fully occupy his time. In addition to all this he has executed a number of large trusts as executor, administrator and assignee.

In April, 1880, Mr. Bausman married Miss Annette, daughter of Hon. Thomas E. Franklin,

formerly Attorney-General of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Bausman died in June, 1882, leaving one son, named for her father, Thomas Franklin. Mr. Bausman was again married, in May, 1892, being united with Miss Blanche Franklin, to whom has been born one son, J. W. B., Jr.

January 18, 1892, our subject succeeded his father as President of the Farmers' National Bank, which position he has since held. He was one of the originators of the Pennsylvania German Society. In politics he is a staunch Republican and has several times been a delegate to state conventions. In benevolent work he has ever taken a leading and interested part, being one of the Trustees and manager of Bethany Orphans' Home, of which his uncle, Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bausman, of Reading, is President. Religiously, he holds membership with St. Paul's Reformed Church, of which he is a Trustee, and is a man whom to know is to respect most highly.



**R**OBERT FULTON. Wherever the English language is spoken or steam navigation used, the name of Fulton is a familiar household word. Robert Fulton, whose inventive ability rendered possible the successful introduction of steam navigation, was born of Irish parents, at Little Britain (now Fulton Township), Lancaster County, Pa., in 1765. At the age of three years he was orphaned by his father's death, and being therefore thrown upon his own resources at an early age he developed the traits of self-reliance that distinguished his career in later life.

At the age of seventeen Mr. Fulton went to Philadelphia, where he was engaged as a miniature painter, and also followed mechanical pursuits. Before attaining his majority, with money saved from his earnings he purchased a farm in Washington County, to which he brought his mother. Acting upon the advice of gentlemen who had been attracted by his talent, he went to England and placed himself under the tuition of Benjamin

West, in whose home he was an inmate for several years. Later, while traveling through the country, he met the Duke of Bridgewater, founder of the canal system in Great Britain, upon whose advice he abandoned the profession of an artist for the trade of a civil engineer. For eighteen months he was employed at Birmingham, and during that time met Watt, who had just succeeded in his great improvement of the steam engine.

In 1797 Mr. Fulton took up his residence in France, and remained with Joel Bartow for seven years. In September, 1793, he had addressed a letter to Earl Stanhope, proposing to communicate to him the principle of an invention respecting the navigation of ships by steam. At Paris he met Chancellor Livingston, then United States minister to France, who, entering into his views, proposed to furnish the necessary funds for an experiment and contract for the introduction of the new method, if successful, into the United States.

Late in 1803 Mr. Fulton constructed a working model of his intended boat, and at the same time commenced building a vessel 66x8. When finished it did not move with the speed expected. In the same year he sent an order to Watt & Boulton for a steam engine to propel a boat of large size, which was completed and reached New York in 1806. In 1807 the "Clermont" was finished, and its progress through the waters of the Hudson was five miles an hour. So completely was the utility of the invention established that the legislature contracted to extend the exclusive privilege of Mr. Livingston and Mr. Fulton five years for every additional boat, provided the time did not exceed thirty years.

In 1809 Mr. Fulton obtained his first patent from the United States. Some litigation arose from what was termed the steamboat monopoly, but the exclusive right to navigate the waters of the state remained in the possession of Mr. Fulton and his partner during the lifetime of the former. Attending as a witness before the New Jersey Legislature in January, 1815, on an attempt by Livingston to obtain a repeal of the Retaliatory Act of that state, leveled at the steamboat monopoly, Mr. Fulton on his return was exposed for several hours to the inclemency of the weather while crossing the water

in an open boat and contracted a severe illness, which resulted in his death February 24, 1815.

Congress passed an act in 1846 appropriating \$76,300 in full of the claims of Mr. Fulton against the United States, for the invention of floating steam-batteries, superintending the construction of the steam frigate "Fulton," and for the great benefit conferred on the country by his improvements in the application of steam to navigation.



**T**HADDEUS STEVENS was born in Danville, Caledonia County, Vt., April 4, 1792.

His father, who was a noted wrestler and a man of dissipated habits, enlisted in the War of 1812, and at the battle of Oswego received a wound from which he died a few days afterward. Under the training of his mother, a woman of noble character, he was prepared for the honorable position which he filled in later life. While a student in Burlington College he witnessed, with the aid of a spy glass, September 11, 1814, the fight between McDonough and the British fleet on Lake Champlain. In 1815 he was graduated from Dartmouth College.

During the latter part of 1815 Mr. Stevens came to Pennsylvania, where for a time he taught in an academy. Later he was admitted to the Bar and opened an office for the practice of his profession. Like the majority of young lawyers, he found the path to success a slow and tedious one. When almost discouraged, he was retained for a murder case when none of the prominent attorneys seemed willing to undertake the defense. His fee was \$1,500, but he was unsuccessful in the case, for his client was convicted and executed. Many years later he stated that he had been counsel for the defense in more than fifty murder cases, in all of which but one he had been successful; adding that every one of them deserved to be hanged but the man who met with that fate and who was certainly insane.

In 1821 Mr. Stevens became a member of the Assembly from Adams County, and for twenty

years was one of the most influential public men of the state. His services in the Pennsylvania Legislature closed with the session of 1811. In August, 1812, he removed to Lancaster, where he afterward acquired prominence on account of his efforts to carry out his principles of freedom. He hated oppression in every form, and it was his fortune to survive until after the close of the Rebellion, and to witness the freedom of the slaves, whose cause he had ever warmly espoused. In 1858 he was elected to Congress by a large majority, and his reputation there was that of a sagacious, eloquent and wise legislator. He died August 11, 1868, and was buried in Schremer's Cemetery, Lancaster. Above his tomb, in accordance with his request, was placed this inscription: "I repose in this quiet and secluded spot, not from any natural preference for solitude; but finding other cemeteries limited by charter rules to race, I have chosen it that I might be enabled to illustrate in my death the principles that I have advocated through a long life—equality of man before the Creator." The charters of the principal cemeteries of Lancaster stipulated that no person of color should be interred within their limits. He had bought lots in both cemeteries, when on receiving the deeds sent them back, refusing to be buried in either, and selected as his last resting place the smallest cemetery in the city, which alone was free from this objection.



JACOB H. HEIDLEBACH, whose well cultivated homestead is situated in Pequea Township, Lancaster County, has been for over half a century identified with the welfare and development of this neighborhood, having passed his entire life within its limits. He was born February 25, 1838, on the farm he now owns and upon which he makes his home. He received common school advantages, being in regular attendance at the district schools until attaining his eighteenth year, and has always made good use

of his educational privileges. From his earliest years he worked at various farm labor and became practically informed in everything pertaining thereto. He continued as his father's assistant on the homestead until he had reached his twenty-fourth year, when he took the entire charge of the farm and has since been active in its operation.

The paternal grandfather of our subject bore the same Christian name and he too followed the vocation of farming, making that his principal business in life. He was formerly a Whig and subsequently a Republican in politics, and was one of the leading and influential men of this township in his day. He married Sarah Stautzenberger and had seven children.

Henry Heidlebach, the father of our subject, was born and reared in this township and in former years was engaged in cultivating the old homestead, which has descended to his son, Jacob H. In his young manhood he became a member of the Lutheran Church, to which he adhered during his entire life. First a Whig, he afterwards became a Republican and was frequently chosen by his neighbors to serve in official capacities of trust and honor. For several terms he was School Director in Pequea Township, officiated for several terms as Township Supervisor, and was a most acceptable and efficient Auditor of the township for one term. In every relation in life, whether public or private, he was honorable and conscientious, realizing in the fullest extent his duties to his fellows. On arriving at a suitable age he was united in marriage with Annie Hess, and of their union were born the following children: Fanny, Sarah, Annie, Jacob, one unnamed, Henry, and one other who died in infancy.

Returning to the life history of Jacob H. Heidlebach, we find that on December 12, 1860, he married Miss Barbara Hoover, a native of Martie Township, and a daughter of a prosperous and worthy citizen of that locality. Four sons and three daughters came to bless the home of this worthy couple, and of the family circle only two are left to cherish and comfort the parents in their declining years, the others having preceded them to the better land. Those deceased are the four eldest members of the family, Martha, Emeline

Milton, Charles H., and Jacob E. Those surviving are Ida A., who became the wife of Eli Eshleman, and John F., who are living near their parents on the old homestead. In Presidential elections Mr. Heidlebach uses his ballot in the support of the Republican party and can be safely relied on to use his influence in everything relating to the best interests of his fellow-citizens and the community in which he dwells.



**J**OSEPH HARNISH, whose postoffice is New Danville, is one of the influential farmers of Pequea Township, Lancaster County. For two terms he has served as School Director, and in his political relations uses his ballot in the support of the Republican party. His grandfather, Joseph Harnish, was also a farmer, and the property which he owned in this county was handed down to the father of our subject. The latter is one of five children, the others being Michael, John, Samuel and Barbara. He bears the Christian name of Jonas and his birth occurred in Martie Township about 1813. He married Susan Harnish, February 3, 1840, and had one son and three daughters, namely: Joseph; Mary, Mrs. McAllister; Susan, Mrs. Foutz; and Barbara. The father has always been devoted to farming, operating and owning a valuable piece of property. In his early manhood he was a Federalist, subsequently became a Whig, and still later a Republican. Religiously he was a member of the old Mennonite Church, and personally his life was most exemplary in every respect.

In Martickville, in the township of Martie, the birth of our subject occurred on the 25th of January, 1841, and his boyhood was passed under the parental roof on the old home farm. As the only son, he was early placed at work on the farm, and his father spared no pains in giving him a good education and in otherwise equipping him for the battles of life. He attended the district schools of Conestoga Township until about seventeen years

of age, when he became actively employed at farm labor. For some time he worked on his father's farm at Safe Harbor, and later returned to the old homestead, which from that time until the present has taken his whole energies. The farm comprises ninety-two acres of fertile and arable land, on which good harvests are grown, yielding to the owner ample returns for the care he bestows upon his broad acres. The buildings on the place are commodious and substantial, and are kept up in a very neat and thrifty fashion.

On the 17th of December, 1867, Mr. Harnish was married in Lancaster, to Miss Susan Myers, by whom he has had eight children, three sons and five daughters. Their names are as follows: Jonas M., Annie M., Susan M., Amelia (Mrs. Forny), Mary, Lizzie, Samuel and Abram. The family are members of the old Mennonite Church, to which their ancestors have belonged for several generations. In everything relating to works of improvement and measures tending to advance the best interests of the county, Mr. Harnish can always be relied upon in their promotion. He is a true and patriotic citizen, and in the line of his convictions uses his right of franchise for the protection of American industries.



**J**OHN B. MYERS. Among the respected old settlers of Pequea Township, Lancaster County, is he whose name heads this sketch, whose home has been in this community for considerably more than half a century, during which time he has put forth his endeavors in aid of progressive movements, and has been actively concerned in the development of the county.

The paternal grandfather of John B. was David Myers, who followed farming, as have many generations of the family. He was a member of the old Mennonite Church, and politically was a Federalist and afterward a Whig. He was the father of seven children, Jacob, Martin, David, Henry, Liz-



zie (Mrs. Herr), Fafnie (wife of David Landis, and now deceased), and Mary, who became the wife of Adam Breneman.

David Myers, our subject's father, was born in Manheim Township, and on arriving at man's estate settled in Pequea Township, where he devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life. For one term he served as a School Director, and was an active Republican. In the old Mennonite Church of which he was a member, he acted in an official capacity at times. For his wife he chose Miss Barbara Burkholder, and they had two sons and a daughter, John B., Annie and Amos.

The birth of John B. Myers occurred on the old homestead in Pequea Township, on which he now resides, and the date of the event was September 20, 1836. His boyhood passed without event of special moment, his time being occupied twixt work and play, as is common with farmer lads. His educational privileges were limited to such as were afforded by the common schools of the neighborhood, in which he was a student during a large share of the year until he had reached his eighteenth year. Under his father's instruction he obtained an actual knowledge of farm labor and the best methods of carrying on agriculture, and on arriving at his maturity adopted this as his life vocation. The farm which he now owns and to the cultivation of which he has for years given his honest labor and careful supervision is one of the best in the township, and numbers about one hundred and forty-five acres. Good improvements are upon the place in the shape of barns and necessary farm buildings, as well as a commodious and pleasant home.

Mr. Myers is one of the Directors of the Lancaster County Bank, and has often supported in one way or another local industries and enterprises. In politics he has been a Republican since the formation of the party, prior to which time he was a Whig. In his religious convictions he is a Mennonite, in the faith of which denomination he was reared, and is one of the pillars in the old Mennonite Congregation.

In the year 1862, Mr. Myers wedded Miss Martha Herr, who was born and grew to womanhood

in this township, where she received her education. She is a daughter of Martin Herr, one of the wealthy and retired citizens of this township, who has now reached the extreme old age of ninety-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Myers have had a family comprising three sons and three daughters, whose names are respectively: David, Ada, Annie, Martin, Elam and Henry. The parents have carried out their ideas of giving children good educations and training in practical branches, with the result that their offspring are numbered among the best citizens and members of society in the places where their abode is made. Mr. Myers is an upright and honorable man and has a reputation for veracity and high principle which is second to none in the neighborhood where he has lived as a boy and man.



**F**RANK P. COHO. The subject of this sketch resides in Lancaster, where he is engaged in the wholesale coal business, and is also Treasurer of the Hamilton Watch Company. Born in Schuylkill County, this state, January 9, 1844, he is the son of John L. Coho, a native of Columbia County, and the grandson of Asa Coho, whose birth occurred in Bucks County, and who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The great-grandfather of our subject bore the name of Ambrose Coho and was born in Pennsylvania, of French descent. The entire family were Quakers in religion, and the father of our subject was a trader in lands. He was also Justice of the Peace in his community for over thirty years, in that early day occupying the position of what now would be Judge. He departed this life in 1881 in Schuylkill County, when seventy-nine years of age.

The mother of our subject, known in her maidenhood as Elizabeth Kutz, was born in the above county and was the daughter of Peter Kutz, a native of this state, and of German descent. Mrs. Coho died in 1880, firm in the faith of the Re-

formed Church. She reared a family of ten children, only seven of whom are now living. Frank P. attended the public schools of his native place until attaining his seventeenth year. In 1874 he came to Lancaster, where he has since been engaged in the wholesale coal trade. In July, 1892, the Hamilton Watch Company was organized, of which he was chosen Treasurer.

In Schuylkill County in 1867 occurred the marriage of Frank P. Colo and Miss Emma A. Williams, a native of Danville, this state. To them have been born five children. Herbert, a graduate of the Lancaster High School, is residing in New York City, where he is engaged in the Electrical business; Eugene is Receiving Teller in the Lancaster County Bank; Ralph will complete his studies in the high school with the Class of '94; Nellie and Mabel are at home. In politics Mr. Colo is an active Republican. He was one of the organizers and directors of the Western Market Company, and also held the same position in the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, of which he was Vice-President until resigning.



**S**AMUEL G. GRAY, M. D., a prominent physician of Landisville, is in the enjoyment of an extensive and lucrative practice. He is the son of Justus and Barbara (Getz) Gray, and was born in Ephrata, this county, May 19, 1838. On his paternal side our subject is of German descent, while his mother's family came originally from Switzerland.

Justus Gray, the grandfather of our subject, was an agriculturist of Ephrata Township, owning two valuable estates. He was active in the affairs of the German Reformed Church, with which he was connected for many years. The lady whom he married bore the maiden name of Catherine Wolf, and to them were born two sons and two daughters. The elder son, Henry, served in the Legislature from 1852 to 1854 on the Whig ticket;

the father of our subject was the next in order of birth; Elizabeth became the wife of Philip Bushong, a wealthy distiller of Reading, this state; and Anna is Mrs. Daniel Bowman, of Ephrata. The grandfather departed this life in 1837, at the age of seventy years.

Justus Gray received a fair education in the schools near his home, and when choosing an occupation in life became a farmer and miller, owning one hundred acres of well tilled land in West Hempfield Township. In financial matters he was more than ordinarily successful, and became one of the prosperous and enterprising citizens of his community. He was first a Whig and later a Republican in politics, and was an official member of the Presbyterian Church. December 2, 1828, he married Miss Barbara, daughter of George Getz, a native of Reading, this state, who later removed to West Hempfield Township, and turned his attention to farm pursuits.

Our subject was one in a family of four sons and two daughters. Henry W., President of the Schomacker Piano Company, of Philadelphia, is very prominent in political affairs, and was elected State Senator on the Republican ticket; Albert, the second son, is deceased; Elizabeth is the wife of Dr. H. B. Parry, of Lancaster; Samuel G. was the next in order of birth; and Alice, Mrs. William Elmer, of Trenton, N. J., is deceased. The husband and father died March 7, 1887. His good wife is still living, and is now in the eighty-fifth year of her age. She is a most estimable lady, and a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church.

The subject of this sketch received his primary education in the common schools, after which he attended the State Normal. In 1860, when determining to follow a professional career, he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. A. K. Roxoer, of Mountainville, Lancaster County, and in the fall of the following year entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia. Soon thereafter he was appointed Medical Cadet of the United States army for one year, and on the expiration of his term returned to college, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1863. Dr. Gray was then appointed Assistant Surgeon in different

regiments, serving from March of the above year until February, 1865. During that time he was Examining Surgeon at Camp Curtain, Surgeon of Cavalry in the Department of the Monongahela, Assistant Surgeon to the Twenty-ninth Pennsylvania Emergency Corps, and Surgeon of the Twentieth Pennsylvania Cavalry. He was present with a regiment during the raid through the Shenandoah Valley, and was with Sheridan's command at Lynchburg.

On the close of the war Dr. Gray located in West Hempfield, where he was engaged in practice until 1875, when he received the appointment of surgeon of the ship "Pennsylvania," sailing between Philadelphia and Liverpool. After being thus employed for two years, he located in Landisville, where he ranks among the leading physicians in the county. He is a member of the County and State Medical Societies, and is Vice-President of the former. He likewise belongs to Post No. 118, G. A. R., at Columbia.

July 5, 1885, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Lila B., daughter of John H. Speese, of Shippensburg, and to them have been granted three children: Henry W., Walter E., and Warren, the latter of whom died in infancy. In politics the Doctor is a true blue Republican.



**D**AVID S. HESS is one of the old settlers of Conestoga Township, where nearly his entire life has been passed, and in every way he has been identified with the upbuilding of this community. About 1876 he became the owner of the farm on which he now resides and to its cultivation has given his entire time and attention for several years. He comes from one of the old and honored families of this region, where several generations have made their home. His paternal grandfather, David Hess, was born in Conestoga

Township and followed agricultural pursuits during his active life. He was a member of the old Mennonite Church and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. For his wife he married Miss Byers, and to them were born six children, as follows: David, John, Christian, Abraham, Maria and Anna.

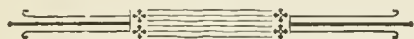
John Hess, the second child in the family just mentioned, was born in this township and here grew to manhood. On arriving at maturity he continued in the calling to which he had been reared, that of farming, and became the owner of a valuable and well improved tract of land which he operated for many years. Like his father before him he was identified with the old Mennonite Church and politically he was a Democrat. Being interested in the cause of education, he served as School Director, and was a firm believer in this great institution of the United States, the education of the young. On choosing his life companion he married Miss Harriet Shank, and of their union two sons and two daughters were born, their names being as follows: Martha, who became the wife of J. M. Hess; David S., the subject of this narrative; Jacob L., and Fannie, the wife of Michael Good.

The birth of David S. Hess occurred in Conestoga Township, May 7, 1842, and his early years were passed uneventfully upon his father's farm, his time being divided between work and play. For a number of years he was a student in the district school, which he left when nineteen years of age to embark in the active business of life. He remained on the old homestead and was employed by his father in its operation until he had attained his twenty-ninth year. In the meantime he had married and was now induced by his father-in-law, Henry Worfel, to carry on his farm in West Lampeter Township. After some time had elapsed the young man by strict economy and industry had managed to lay by a certain sum which he invested in a small tract of land in this township, and from that time forward he has made his dwelling place on this property. From time to time as he could afford it he bought other land and his farm now contains forty-seven acres. The land is very fertile and yields abundant crops in return for the care

and cultivation bestowed upon it by the industrious owner.

In the year 1871 Mr. Hess married Miss Elvina Worfel, who was born and grew to womanhood in Conestoga Township. A family of eight children has come to bless the hearthstone of this worthy couple and they are named as follows: Ida, Susan, John II., Harriet, Elvina, Barbara, David, Jr., and Bertha.

Mr. Hess in his political faith is, like his father before him, a Democrat, and is a strong believer in the measures adopted by his party. In local affairs he has ever shown himself deeply interested in the maintenance of the public good and has endeavored to promote the welfare of his fellow-citizens in every possible manner.



**D**AVID BACHMAN LANDIS, of Lancaster, has one of the finest and most artistic job printing establishments in the state, and is a successful and enterprising young business man. He comes from a very old family, its history being traced to the latter part of the sixteenth century, and a brief synopsis of the same may not be uninteresting to the many friends of Mr. Landis and other members of his family.

The Landis family were prominent in the latter part of the sixteenth century in Switzerland, being noted for their piety, and one of the first individuals of the name mentioned in history was one Hans Landis, a "pious witness of the Divine truth." He was a Mennonite preacher, who removed to the Rhine in a portion of his native land, and there instructed many who were seeking after righteousness. The Council of Zurich of the Reformed Church ordered the arrest of the good man, but he was not daunted, and "he was taken prisoner by his enemies and sent in irons from Zurich to the Papists at Zolothurn." Upon being liberated by the aid of friends, he was again taken and sent to Zurich, where he was rigorously examined as to

adoption, and the result was that in September, 1614, he was beheaded with the sword. It is interesting to know that he was the last person to be thus treated for religious convictions in that locality, but persecution did not cease with his death, for it is recorded that in May, 1637, among three other brethren, "Hans Landis, the Second, a steadfast minister of the church in Horgerberg, and his daughter, Margaretha, were confined for sixty weeks at Othenbach." "Meantime the authorities sold their property for seven thousand florins and applied it to their own use." In 1640 Oswald Landis, his wife, and two daughters-in-law were incarcerated in Othenbach, and Jacob Landis, his son, and all of his family were banished. In time the prisoners managed to escape, though their property was confiscated and they were in poverty. Felix Landis (son of Hans, who was beheaded at Zurich in 1614), after having been shamefully treated, often for a long time receiving no food, and being in a weak condition, was carried by his persecutors to church, being brutally "thrown under a bench," where he immediately expired. His wife, Adelheyd Egli, was also kept in prison for nearly four years, and during this period was treated unmercifully and disgracefully, and meantime the authorities dispersed her family, drove the children away from home and confiscated the house and furniture, which were sold for five thousand florins. One night in 1643 the beadles attacked the house of Varena Landis, who was ill and could not go with the authorities, whereupon she was compelled to "promise that she would remain a prisoner in her own house, which promise she accordingly fulfilled, and as she was harshly treated and poorly supplied with food, death soon resulted.

About 1660 the Landis families were driven to the Palatinate Country in the neighborhood of Strasburg and Manheim, on the Rhine, and though their properties were generally confiscated they became farmers for the German nobility and received fair usage from the Hollanders. For nearly two generations history is silent on the subject of the individuals of the Landis name, namely from 1643 to 1717, but members of the Mennonite belief early took advantage of William Penn's liberal

policy to settle in America, and members of this family in 1683, and later in 1709 and 1712, emigrated to Chester County, Pa., including what is now the county of Lancaster. At the latter date three brothers, the Rev. Benjamin, Felix and John Landis, Swiss Mennonites, bought land from Penn and the Conestogoe Indians, preparing to make a home in the wilderness. They skillfully tilled the soil and improved the land, which has made this portion of the state known the world over as a garden spot, and here these pioneers worshiped their God in perfect peace. One of the three, the Rev. Benjamin Landis, was accompanied by his only son, Benjamin, Jr., aged eighteen. They took up a tract of two hundred and forty acres, receiving the patent for the same in 1718, having purchased it from the Indians. He was a Mennonite preacher and engaged actively in farming. His son married and had four sons, their names in order of birth being as follows: Benjamin, Abraham, Jacob and Henry, from whom have sprung the numerous descendants who were afterward born in this state. The last-named Benjamin removed to Manheim Township in 1851, after buying out the land of his wife's only brother, and thus becoming the owner of nearly one thousand acres situated about three miles from Lancaster. He was married in 1749 to Anna, daughter of John Snavelly, and they had three sons: John, born March 15, 1755; Benjamin, in 1756; and Henry, in 1760. The elder Benjamin's home was a refuge to many Swiss emigrants, who enjoyed his hospitality until they were enabled to secure homes for themselves.

John Landis, who was named "Sozusanga" from his frequent use of the words "So to say," resided in East Lampeter Township, and to him were born three sons, John, Benjamin and Henry, and his death occurred in May, 1837, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. His eldest son, John, was born September 11, 1782, and married Anna Bachman, by whom he had three children who reached maturity: John C., Michael B. and Elizabeth. He started keeping a store at Centerville, now known as Landisville, in the spring of 1829, and was the first Postmaster of that place, where he resided until his demise, April 16, 1863, aged over eighty

years. His wife, who was born February 3, 1785, died May 23, 1846, when in her sixty-second year. The eldest son of this worthy couple was born in East Hempfield Township, August 31, 1807, and about 1823 he entered John Beck's famous academy for boys in Lititz, where he obtained a thorough knowledge of mathematics, astronomy and surveying, being also well versed in both the English and German languages. Subsequently, in company with his father, he laid out the village of Landisville, about 1828, at which time he was a salesman in his father's store. His marriage was celebrated January 5, 1832, with Veronica (commonly called Fanny) Shelly, and four children resulted from their union: Ann Eliza, born May 14, 1833; Israel Christian; Jacob, born April 23, 1841, and Albert Shelly, the two latter dying in early childhood. The father of these children was one of the originators of the Bethel Church at Landisville, and was a consistent member thereof. About 1833 he kept a store in his native village, where he resided until March 25, 1854, when his death resulted from an apoplectic stroke at the age of forty-six years. His wife resided until her death, January 13, 1879, when she had reached the age of sixty-nine years, at a point west of where the Sycamore Hotel is now located. The daughter, Ann Eliza, became the wife of Joseph G. Greider, a farmer of East Hempfield Township, and their children are all living, their names being John, Joseph L. and Benjamin. Mrs. Greider died a few days previous to her mother, in 1879.

Israel Christian, born September 24, 1835, received a common-school education, after which he attended the academy kept by James P. Wickersham at Marietta, and on account of his father's sudden death was thrown upon his own resources. He was married by the Rev. Mr. Gerhard, January 17, 1861, to Mary Musselman. Subsequently he engaged in keeping an oyster house in Landisville for five years, after which he removed to Centerville, in East Hempfield Township, where for two years his attention was occupied at farming. Next he went to Rohrerstown, where he kept a confectionery store, and resided for three years. He built a house a mile and a-half west of that place, where he lived for one year, and then, hear-

ing of a good opportunity to engage in business at Salunga, sold his home, and for three years following did a thriving trade in general merchandising at that point, besides being Postmaster of the village. In the fall of 1874 he built a new store near the Bamford Bros.' zinc mines, and since then has been successfully engaged in business there. In politics he has always been a Republican, and in business is a careful and methodical manager.

David Bachman Landis is the only son of Israel C., his birth having occurred in Landisville, February 12, 1862. His sister, Florence Shelly, was born April 6, 1865, and these two comprise their parents' family. Our subject received a common-school education, and for some years was a clerk in his father's store. In March, 1877, during his school days, he started in as an amateur printer, running a small boys' paper named the *Keystone Amateur*, and in April of the following year, it was printed under the title of the *Amateur Junior*. Ere four months had passed the sheet was enlarged to a sixteen-page magazine, including cover, under the original name, but the ambitious effort was doomed to short existence, as its publication was discontinued in October.

The young man had received a taste of journalism which in time obtained a leading place in his thoughts, and October 7, 1878, he commenced an apprenticeship in the office of the *Inquirer*, of Lancaster, and after serving four years opened a job printing office at his birthplace, in April, 1883. May 1 he issued the initial number of the *Village Vigil*, a tri-monthly paper, which was printed weekly at the end of a year. In 1885 this journal was enlarged to eight pages, being known thereafter as the *Landisville Vigil*, and the young editor has rapidly risen in his management of the same. He has been a frequent contributor to the *Inquirer* and the *New Era*, of Lancaster, and to the "Wheel," of New York, the magazine of cyclists. As the pioneer wheelman, he was thrice appointed Counsel of Landisville by the Pennsylvania division of the League of American Wheelmen.

Mr. Landis was married, September 29, 1885, to Nora K., daughter of David Baker, deceased, formerly of East Hempfield Township. To them was born a daughter, Katie Musselman, September 19,

1886, and her death occurred October 5, 1891. Her little brother, Allen B., who was born May 29, 1889, died October 6, 1891, within twenty-four hours of his sister's demise. Irene Janet was born June 18, 1893, and is their only living child.

When the *Vigil* was discontinued Mr. Landis became connected with the *Inquirer* Publishing Company, of Lancaster, now the Wickersham Printing and Publishing Company, being in charge of the printing department until May, 1888, when he started in business alone at No. 320 East Chestnut Street, with the name of the *Pluck* Art Printery. The business received its name from the fact that for the first three years the proprietor published a small paper called *Pluck*, which he distributed free. Since then he gets out only one, known as *Pluck's Annual*, showing specimens of printing and being remarkable for neatness and general work. A few years later the office was removed to the corner of North Queen and Walnut Streets, and at present is situated at Nos. 38 and 38½ East Chestnut Street. The office is fitted up in first-class shape, and Mr. Landis is doing a large and successful business. Electric power is used, and the study of the owner has been to use the most improved modern methods in every department of his work. Frequently he has contributed to the "American Art Printer," and is very much interested in his vocation. Religiously, he is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, and in politics he is a Republican.



ISAAC STIRK, who has been in the leaf tobacco business since 1874, and is now one of the honored residents of Lancaster, will form the subject of this biography. He was born in Conestoga Valley, March 11, 1825, being the son of Hetzel Stirk, a native of the same place. Grandfather Stirk, who was a wagon-maker by trade, came from Germany and located in East Earl Township. Our subject's father engaged in farm work in East Earl Township and there died aged seventy-one years. He belonged to the Evangel-





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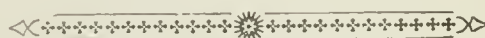
ical Association. His wife, the mother of our subject, who before her marriage was Ann Overholser, was born in East Earl Township, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Overholser, of German descent, who were members of the Mennonite Church and large land holders. Our subject's mother died at the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

In the parental family there were two sons and two daughters, our subject being the eldest. He was reared upon the farm and attended the district schools, obtaining what knowledge he could in that way. At the age of nineteen years he engaged as clerk in a general mercantile store of Reading, remaining two years, and in 1817 started in business for himself at Belleville with his uncle, Daniel Overholser, the style of the firm being Overholser & Stirk. This partnership continued for four years, then our subject sold and removed to Philadelphia, where he engaged in the crockery business.

In 1851 Mr. Stirk located at No. 256 North Third Street in the crockery business, and in 1856 removed to No. 45 North Third Street, the style of the firm then being Stirk, Field & Co. In 1861 he severed his connection with Stirk, Field & Co. and engaged extensively in importing crockery with a special partner from Boston. After the close of the Civil War he and a Mr. Hoar engaged in the wholesale and jobbing of crockery in Philadelphia. In 1869 he sold out and located in Lancaster, where he embarked in the lumber business, and operated a sawmill about one year. We next find him engaged in the retail crockery business at Nos. 8 and 10 East King Street, but in 1874 he embarked in the leaf tobacco business, in which he is still operating. His present location is No. 212 North Queen Street, the style of this firm being Isaac Stirk & Co. They do an extensive business both in the east and west, and have a capacity of twenty-five hundred cases. They make a specialty of the finest goods, and no man is a better judge of leaf tobacco and the manufactured goods than Mr. Stirk.

Our subject was married in Lancaster County, July 23, 1853, to Miss Sallie C. Shirk, a native of the same county and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shirk. By this marriage six children were

born, four of whom are living, as follows: Anna, Mrs. T. R. Martin, of Wilkes Barre; William, who is associated with our subject; Edwin, residing at Wilkes Barre, engaged in the clothing business, and Isaac, Jr., a hardware merchant of Wilkes Barre. Virginia died in Philadelphia in December, 1866, and Emilie also died in the same month and year. Mr. Stirk is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is a member of the Board of Stewards. Politically he is a Republican.



**H**ON. A. HERR SMITH was born in Manor Township, Lancaster County, near Millersville, Pa., March 7, 1815. He was the only son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Herr) Smith, and had the misfortune very early in life to lose both his parents, his father when he was under three, and his mother when he was twelve years of age. His father died in February, 1818, and his mother in June, 1827. His ancestors came from Germany, and settled in Lancaster County, about the year 1723, those on the paternal in Pequea, and those on the maternal line in Manor Township. Both sides soon after their arrival purchased large tracts of land, and in addition to cultivating the same, the father and paternal grandfather of Mr. Smith followed the millwright and milling business, and the scientific drafts and plans made by the former of mills erected by him are still among the family relics.

The land on the mother's side came through John Penn, and remained for three generations in the Herr family. The maternal grandmother, Barbara (Eshleman) Herr, died September 16, 1839, in her eighty-second year, in the old family mansion, where Mr. Smith was born, and his maternal grandfather, Abraham Herr, died November 26, 1823, at the age of seventy-two. The old stone building erected in 1764 by Mr. Smith's maternal great-grandparents, David and Barbara Herr, is still occupied, and while the wood work has been

replaced, the fort-like walls and arched and cemented cellars are as good as new, and seem fully capable of resisting the ravages of time for generations to come.

In Prof. John Beck's Academy, at Lititz, and the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Mr. Smith obtained his preparatory education. He studied engineering and surveying with Joshua Scott, Esq., civil engineer in Lancaster, and assisted to survey the Pennsylvania Railroad through Lancaster, from the Big to the Little Conestoga River. He spent two years in Henry P. Carson's store in Lancaster, and then went to Haddington College, near Philadelphia, and afterward to Dickinson College, Carlisle, where he was graduated in 1840. Among his classmates were D. G. Eshleman, a prominent member of the Lancaster Bar; Congressman Charles O'Neil, of Philadelphia; Spencer Baird, now deceased, of the Smithsonian Institute; and George R. Crooks, D. D., LL. D., of Drew Theological Seminary. His vacations, when not traveling, were spent with his uncle, Abraham Smith, of Strasburg, whose kindly interest in his welfare he has never forgotten.

Immediately after his graduation, Mr. Smith commenced the study of law in the office of John R. Montgomery, a distinguished member of the Lancaster Bar. October 20, 1842, he was admitted to practice in the various courts of Lancaster County. He brought to the practice of his profession a mind well stored with general knowledge, as well as legal lore, strong common sense, a well balanced judgment, a ready pen and a rhetoric precise, clean and forcible. With these accomplishments, added to attractive manners and address, he soon rose to the highest rank in his profession. From early life he gave much attention to politics. The Whig party was organized while he was a boy, and its principles and men had for him a magnetic attraction, and he espoused its cause in his youth with his pen, and in his riper years both as a writer and an orator. While he was yet too young even to be a member of his party, he was far in advance of it; for he was an Abolitionist before the abolition of slavery became a political tenet. During his collegiate course at Haddington, he wrote an address for an exhibi-

tion exercise, so strongly anti-slavery in its views that the faculty refused to permit its delivery. On the breaking up of the Whig party in 1856, he therefore very naturally became an ardent supporter of the Republican party.

From boyhood Mr. Smith was a close student and a great reader, and even in his youth became distinguished both as an essayist and as a ready, fluent and forcible speaker. Many of his school essays found their way into the newspapers of that day, and attracted much attention on account of their originality of thought and strength and elegance of diction. Being regarded as a young man of probity and ability, he was induced to enter the political arena, and in 1843 he was elected a member of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and re-elected the following year. In 1845 he was elected to the State Senate for one term, three years, during the latter part of which he was the candidate of his party in caucus for Speaker of the Senate, and failed only because he refused to vote for himself. His career in the Legislature was one of marked ability and usefulness, very gratifying to his constituents, and valuable to them and the state at large. He was the author of the law imposing a tax for the payment of the interest on the state debt, a measure by no means popular at the time, and bitterly opposed, but necessary to save the state from repudiation. Prior to that time the interest on the state debt had been paid in scrip, and the state bonds were sold at about one-third of their par value. Immediately after the passage of the bill the interest was promptly paid in money and the bonds rose to par. He advocated the sale of the Public Works, which were a great expense to the state. He abolished the Mayor's Court of the city of Lancaster, which had been a useless and expensive piece of judicial machinery, but having existed for many years, had a fixed abode in the customs of the people. He also refused to sanction the renewal of the District Court of Lancaster County, when it expired by limitation. He was an earnest advocate of the Married Women's Act, which became a law in 1818. He also advocated and voted for the passage of the law which made the common school system obligatory upon the districts of the state,

thus doing away with the triennial election, which permitted the voters of every district to accept or reject the system. This necessary change perfected the school system in Pennsylvania. He was ever strongly devoted to rigid economy and Governmental reforms, and watchful of the details of legislation.

Returning to the practice of his profession, Mr. Smith uninterruptedly followed it until the fall of 1872, when he was elected on the Republican ticket to the Forty-third Congress, and by re-election served in the Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth, Forty-sixth, Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth Congresses, a high compliment, and one never before paid to a Congressional Representative from Lancaster County. In this District, the unwritten rule has limited the period of the Representative in Congress to two terms. To this rule there have been the following exceptions: John W. Kittera, 1791 to 1801, five terms, ten years; James Buchanan, 1821 to 1831, five terms, ten years; Thaddeus Stevens, 1859 to 1868, four and one-half terms, nine years; and Mr. Smith from 1873 to 1885, six terms, twelve years. Mr. Smith did efficient service on the Committee on War Claims for six years, and served on the Committees on Appropriations, Agriculture, Pensions and other important committees. As a member of the Committee on War Claims, a committee first raised in 1873 on the suggestion of President Grant, he rendered valuable services in the rejection of fraudulent claims, running up to many millions of dollars. The reports made by him are referred to constantly by the present Committee, and greatly aid to settle definitely the law and the facts whenever the claims are renewed.

Against the seductive free pass system, Mr. Smith, by word and example, entered the stern protest, promptly returning to the liberal donors their paste-board annuals. When asked the reason for his conduct by a Director, he answered: "You do not give the pass to the mendicant? Why give it to the salaried Judge and Legislator? They pay their toll on the turnpike, their discount in the bank, and ought also pay their fare on railroads." This colloquy occurred in 1873, at Mr. Smith's first Congressional Session, and put a stop to free

tickets on the street railroads in Washington. He took a bold stand against the constructive mileage allowed members of Congress, showing its abuses, and which, through his exposure, were to some extent corrected. He favored the payment of pensions directly by the Treasurer of the United States instead of Pension Agents, thereby saving money to the pensioner and protecting the Government against loss. He ably opposed, on legal grounds, the creation of the Electoral Commission, holding that the Vice-President, under the Constitution, was the custodian of the returns, who must present the same to the two Houses when they meet in convention, and have them opened in their presence and counted, neither house having any right to control the result, their presence only being necessary as witnesses of the result.

Mr. Smith favored the resumption of specie payments by the Government, and the coining of silver for fractional currency only, and opposed the coinage of the needless silver dollars. He advocated and voted for the bill to restrict Chinese emigration. He also supported and voted for the civil service bill; and in the distribution of Congressional patronage favored promotion, and other things being equal, gave the soldier a preference. He has always been an earnest advocate of a protective tariff, as best adapted to raise revenue, to protect labor and make the nation independent in peace and war. His speeches made in Congress were able and exhaustive, indicating great research and thorough knowledge of the subject discussed. These, with his letters and articles on the political issues of the day, were highly commended by the press and reading public. As a Legislator, either in state or National affairs, he was conscientiously honest, and never suffered a political caucus to dictate his legislative action. After full and careful investigation he followed his convictions, whether in harmony with his party or not. The Fitz John Porter case is in point. It had substantially assumed a party aspect—the Democrats being for, the Republicans against, the bill. Mr. Smith, having with great care read the evidence on both sides, reached the conclusion that the General had been wronged, and therefore, with nineteen other Republicans, voted for the bill, although

assured in advance that the vote would be used against him in an approaching Congressional contest. During his seventeen years of public service at Harrisburg and Washington, he never dodged a vote; and the writer of this sketch has heard him say that upon a careful review of his votes, for and against legislative measures, he would not, if he could, in a single instance reverse his judgment.

Mr. Smith died at his home in Lancaster on the 16th of February, 1894, after a brief illness. Although not laboriously engaged in the duties of his profession after his retirement from Congress, he had enjoyed excellent health, and could be found almost daily at his office, surrounded by his books and friends, among whom were many life-long clients, who still sought his professional or friendly advice. His loss was sincerely and deeply mourned by his many friends, especially by his co-workers in professional and political life. The local press paid high tribute to this worthy man, who died as he had lived, a noble Christian gentleman.

Soon after his graduation, Mr. Smith was elected a Trustee of Dickinson College, Carlisle, and later of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster. He was a Director and the solicitor of the First National Bank of Lancaster, and occupied that two-fold position from the organization of the institution in 1864 until his death. He was one of the original investors in the first cotton mill erected in Lancaster, and although attended with loss, he never regretted the experiment, as it became the nucleus of the present mills, which yield the more fortunate investors a handsome income, and give their employes, men, women and children, constant work and liberal pay. He was a warm and substantial friend of all worthy industrial enterprises and charitable and literary institutions.

Mr. Smith never married, and he and his only sister, Eliza E. Smith, also unmarried, lived in their unpretentious home on North Lime Street, where she still resides, dispensing hospitality and charity without ostentation. Plain and unostentatious in all things, Mr. Smith was especially so in charity and benevolence. Possessing large wealth, recognizing his obligations to God, clothed with humility in a manner and to a degree seldom witnessed,

he sought out those who were in need, or seconded the offices of his devoted sister in this direction, and in such a way that the words addressed to Cornelius might be appropriately addressed to him, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God." The churches of Lancaster County, especially the Methodist Episcopal Churches, have reason to remember him, for almost all of them had received his benefactions. The First Church, Lancaster, which he attended with great regularity, contains a magnificent window erected by him and his sister, jointly, as a memorial to their sainted parents, and nearly one-tenth of the entire cost of over \$83,000, was given by him.

Miss Smith was educated at Linden Hall Seminary, Lititz, and at Miss Edmund's School, Philadelphia, spending the best years of her life, and much of her own and brother's means, in relieving the necessities of and educating the worthy poor of both sexes, many of whom gratefully trace their success in life to the opportune aid which came from their unselfish benefactors. Her brother, of whose benefactions she had been the almoner during his life, reposing the utmost confidence in her discretion and Christian sympathy, left his large estate solely for her benefit and use. Knowing his wishes, she has since become the benefactor of the Young Men's and the Young Women's Christian Associations, and has made arrangements to aid other charities in memory of her brother and in recognition of the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."



**G**EORGE K. REED is one of the most worthy and honored old settlers of Lancaster, who is now living retired from business cares, but in former years was always in the front ranks of works of improvement and local industry. In his many and varied dealings in the financial world his career has been always perfectly straightforward, honest and marked with good judgment. Few men, indeed, in this city have

been more thoroughly identified with its welfare and upbuilding, and the history of Lancaster would be incomplete without his life record.

John DeHoff, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was born in December, 1704, and died at the age of forty-seven years. He was of Huguenot descent and probably left France with many others after the revocation of the edict of Nantes. His name appears as one of the incorporators of the borough of Lancaster in the year 1742, when he served as Assistant Burgess and two years later was elected Chief Burgess. At one time he lived on the eastern shore of Maryland near the head of Elk River, where his son Abraham was born, February 13, 1735. The military career of the latter was most creditable and he was commissioned Captain March 15, 1776, his company being under the command of Lord Sterling. They suffered severely at the battle of Long Island, and when Ft. Washington was captured Captain DeHoff fell into the hands of the enemy and remained a prisoner until April 20, 1778, when he was exchanged. He was one of the founders of the Lancaster Library Company in 1759, the third circulating library founded in the United States, and in 1763 it was merged into the Juliana Library. In 1762 Captain DeHoff was Assistant Burgess of the borough, and his death occurred when in his eighty-seventh year, March 11, 1821. His daughter, Mary, married Robert Reed April 18, 1785, and their only son, Henry R., our subject's father, was born October 27, 1793. The grandfather's death occurred in Lancaster in March, 1795.

Henry R. Reed was born and reared in Lancaster and became a dry-goods merchant. Afterward he embarked in the banking business and was elected Cashier of the bank at Chambersburg, through the influence of President Buchanan, which position he declined to accept. Subsequently he was a clerk and Cashier in the Farmers' National Bank until he resigned his position, about 1857. After that he lived a retired life until his death, which occurred two years later, on the 10th of January, 1859. He was an old line Whig and a member of the Moravian Church. By his marriage with Ann Catherine Hoff he had two children, a son and daughter, Maria C., wife of Charles A. Heinitsch, a

druggist, and our subject. The father married a second time and had one child, J. Lane, who is a manufacturer in Dayton, Ohio.

The birth of George K. Reed occurred December 22, 1826, in Lancaster, and his mother having died when he was only fourteen months old, his father's sister took him to bring up. He was educated in the private schools of the city and in January, 1844, entered the store of C. Hager, one of the leading merchants of that day and founder of the dry-goods house which still perpetuates his name. September 6, 1848, Mr. Reed entered the office of the County Treasurer, which was then in a small two-story frame building in the rear of East King Street, on the site now occupied by the court house. As his time was not entirely taken up he sold lime and roofing slate, for which he had the agency. In 1850, the term of the Treasurer having expired, he determined to open a private bank, as there was no institution of the kind in the city. From his grandfather and father, who had both possessed financial ability and had been bankers, he inherited a taste for commercial pursuits and from the start met with success. His bank was situated where the court house now stands and afterwards was removed to the present location of the *Examiner* building. In 1857 the Lancaster Bank Building was purchased by Mr. Reed, who carried on his banking business there until 1891. During the forty-one years of his experience in this pursuit he witnessed many changes in the banking systems and went through several panics. When the crash of 1857 came following the failure of the Lancaster Savings Institute and the Lancaster Bank, his partner went to the wall November 17, and the next day being Thanksgiving, an opportunity was afforded young Reed to look around for some floating spar whereby he might escape from the wreck. Trusting to his past record and that confidence in him had not been lost, he determined to open his doors the next day as usual and did so. Many withdrew their deposits but he was able to weather the gale, and after six months formed a partnership under the name of Reed, McGrann, Kelley & Co. In 1861 Mr. Kelley died and his name was dropped from the title.

In 1849 gas was introduced into the city and

Mr. Reed was manager and Treasurer of the company. He also took an active part in organizing the New Holland National Bank, the Chestnut Street National Bank of Philadelphia, the Lancaster Fire Insurance Company, the Eastern Market Company, the Stevens House, the Lancaster Manufacturing Company, the First National Bank of Strasburg, in which he has been a Director for a number of years; also in the Conestoga National Bank and several other institutions. Being interested in transportation facilities and good roads in this county he has been concerned in the following organizations: the Lancaster Street Railroad, the Manheim and Lancaster, and Millport and Strasburg Turnpike Companies, the Willow Street Turnpike, the Central Transportation Company, and was one of the contractors which built the Junction and Breakwater Railroad Company of Delaware from Georgetown to Lewis, Del., and the pier extending sixteen hundred feet into the bay.

June 8, 1853, Mr. Reed married Miss Mary A. Fetter, a native of this place. Her father, John G., was born in Bethlehem, and was once Cashier of the Lancaster Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Reed have two children living, John F., who is a cigar manufacturer and packer of leaf tobacco, his place of business being on Prince Street, and George H., who is in the insurance business. Both the sons are married and have families.

In benevolent and church work Mr. Reed has not been inactive, but has used his influence in the most effectual way. He is President of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home, which is now supported by the county and which he assisted to organize as a corporation; also the Fulton Hall Association, the City Bible Society, the Conestoga Beneficial Association, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Woodward Hill Cemetery Association and is a Trustee of the Millersville Normal School and occupies a like position with the Linden Hall Seminary of Lititz. In former years he erected several residences in this vicinity and now owns a number in addition to a warehouse on Prince Street and other property.

For sixty-seven years Mr. Reed has been identified with the Moravian Church, having been Treasurer and Trustee in his congregation for many

years and having often represented it in the synods. He is an active Republican and fraternally belongs to Lancaster Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., of which he is Past Master, is a Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar. For several terms he served as President of the Common Council of the city and has discharged his public duties with fidelity.



**H**ENRY BAUMGARDNER, one of the most highly respected citizens of Lancaster, is President of the Gas, Light & Fuel Company and is a successful coal merchant. In all public enterprises he has been very liberal, and active in everything relating to the general welfare. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank, of which he is still a Director, and assisted in the formation of the Lancaster Trust Company, being elected its Vice-President, a position he has held from the start. For several years he has been a member of the School Board, for a long period served as a member of the City Council and was Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Leonard Baumgardner, a Hessian soldier, who came with the English army to America during the Revolution. He deserted from the ranks, enlisted under Washington and fought for freedom. After hostilities had ceased he settled in York, Pa., where he followed his trade as a dyer, and there his death occurred when he was seventy-nine years of age. His son, Thomas, who was born in York, was a hatter and furrier by trade. He established a business in his native village, which was the largest of the kind in that section, and which afforded constant employment to upwards of sixteen men. In his later years he invested his extensive means in property both in and near York, where he engaged in gardening and farming until he retired. His last days were passed at the home of our subject, his demise occurring March 4, 1872, when he was in his ninetieth year. Like his father he was

a devoted Lutheran. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Gartman, was also born in York, where she died when nearly fourscore years of age. Of her children the four elder, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph, died in York. Thomas is a resident of Lancaster; Henry is next in order of birth; Eliza, deceased, was the wife of Jacob Upp; and Catherine, Mrs. Cochran, died in this city.

Henry Baumgardner, of this biography, was born in York, Pa., February 9, 1821, and after finishing the common schools was for two years a student at the Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg. September 30, 1839, he first set foot in Lancaster, being engaged as a clerk with the firm of Baumgardner & Carson until 1842, when the junior partner died and he became a member of the firm, of which his brother Thomas was the senior partner. The dry goods store which they carried on was located on the northwest corner of North King Street and Penn Square. They occupied a large store and had a line trade until 1870, when they sold out and engaged in the coal business, in which they have continued since. The location of their yards is on North Prince Street, at the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. The coal yards cover two acres and their bins have a capacity of four thousand tons. These bins are raised high enough to screen the coal directly into wagons. The firm have the largest trade in coal in the city and have a down town office. From 1853 to 1858 our subject operated a mine which he opened at Schomoken, Pa.

In 1846 Mt. Baumgardner was married in Lancaster to Anna Kurtz, who was a native of this city, and whose death occurred here. She was the mother of four children: Clara, Mrs. Hufford, of Reading; Anna M., Mrs. Cross, of East Orange, N. Y.; Henry K., who is in the coal and lumber business here; and William K., who died at the age of two years. The present wife of our subject was formerly Mrs. Mary S. Cadwell, whose birth occurred in Hartford, Conn.

Mr. Baumgardner is President of the Lancaster Gas Company, which purchased the old company, and has a capital stock of \$200,000, and is now the only gas company in this place. One of the

organizers and prime movers in the Consumers' Gas Company of Reading, which has a capital stock of \$100,000, our subject was also made President. In company with Mr. Hubley he is engaged in the manufacture of novelties in the northern part of Lancaster, the plant being known as the Hubley Manufacturing Company. This concern has been two years supplying the markets, has a capital stock of \$200,000, for which amount it was incorporated in January, 1894, with our subject as its President. The trade of the company extends to various parts of the United States and Canada, and even in portions of Europe. In addition to the other enterprises in which he is interested is the Strasburg Railroad, running between Lemon Place and Strasburg, of which he is President and proprietor. For years he was a member of the Old Lambertson Lodge No. 42, of which he was the first Master, and at one time was District Deputy Grand Master of the state. A Republican of the truest stripe, he has been a member of the City Council. A member of St. John's Lutheran Church, in the building of which he has been very active, he is also known for his benevolent qualities, and on his last birthday found great pleasure in giving to the deserving poor of this city some four hundred sacks of cornmeal.



**P**HILIP GRAYBILL, whose sketch now claims attention, is one of the most popular and highly esteemed gentlemen in Lancaster, and after a long life, well and pleasantly spent, looks back upon the years with great satisfaction, remembering how faithfully he has performed every duty falling upon him. He is also favorably known for the valiant part which he played during the late war, participating in some of the hardest-fought battles of that period.

Our subject was born in the city of York, this state, April 21, 1819, and is the son of Michael Graybill, also a native of that place. The first representative of the family in America came

from Saxony, Germany, and located in the Keystone State, where they afterward became prominent in its history. The father of our subject was a blacksmith in York and also served as a soldier in the War of 1812. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-nine years, dying at the home of Philip in the year 1853. The grandfather of our subject lived to be one hundred and five years old.

Mrs. Nancy (King) Graybill was born in eastern Ireland, and when quite young was brought to America by an uncle, with whom she lived until her marriage. She also is deceased, dying in 1829. With her husband she was a consistent member of the Episcopal Church and lived an honest, upright life. Philip, of this sketch, was the only member of the parental family, and after attaining his thirteenth year apprenticed himself to learn the trade of a cabinet-maker, working under Colonel Hay of York for seven years, four months and ten days, receiving during that time only his board and clothes. After mastering the business young Graybill remained in the employ of that gentleman until March 17, 1847, when he located in this city.

After coming here our subject engaged to work for Jacob Bear, remaining with him four years, when he entered the shop of John May. He worked for different parties in the city until the outbreak of the late war, and in the fall of 1861 enlisted in Company H, Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry, commanded by Capt. Michael Lucher, and was mustered into service at Pittsburg and sent to join the Army of the Cumberland. He participated in the following well-known and hard-fought battles: Green River, Ky., Sweden's Cove, Tenn., Chattanooga, Chapman Hill, Ky., Stone River, Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga, Buzzard's Roost, and in fact in all the engagements in which his regiment took part up to 1864. He went with Sherman on his memorable march to the sea, then on to Savannah, Ga., up to Richmond, Bentonville and Goldsboro. From the latter place the regiment went to Washington, D. C., and witnessed the Grand Review, after which they were mustered out at Alexandria, Va., in June, 1865. During his period of enlistment our subject was never wounded, taken prisoner or

on the sick list, with the exception of the thirty days' furlough, when he returned home.

After the close of the war Mr. Graybill returned to Lancaster and began working in a sash factory. In the fall of 1876, however, he started in business for himself on a small scale, making models and doing all kinds of light wood work. His place of business is located at No. 232 South Water Street and the machinery is operated by water power.

Our subject was married in Columbia, this state, in 1852, to Miss Elizabeth Spindler, a native of this city. Their union was blessed by the birth of six children, only two of whom (Philip and George) are living. The former is engaged in business with our subject, while the elder son is employed in the Champion Blower Works.

As a matter of course Mr. Graybill belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, holding membership with George H. Thomas Post No. 84, and is also connected with the Union Veterans' Legion. In politics he is a strong Republican and cast his first vote in 1840 for William Henry Harrison. The Trinity Lutheran Church finds in him a valued member and he is active in all good works.



**G**EORGE W. ANNE is senior member of the firm of Anne & Thomas, manufacturers of fire escapes, iron fences and ornamental iron work. He is enterprising and popular, and occupies a high place in the esteem of his fellow-townsmen for the valiant part which he took in the late war.

Conrad Anne, the father of our subject, was born in Lancaster, while his father, who also bore the name of Conrad, was a native of Germany, and after emigrating to the United States made his home in this city, where he followed the trade of a cabinet-maker. He was a true Christian and a member in good standing of the Lutheran Church. During the later years of his life he was the proprietor of a fine furniture and undertaking establishment, manufacturing all of his own goods. He departed this life in 1866, when only forty-seven







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years of age. His wife prior to her marriage was known as Jane E. Rigg, a native of Danville, this state. She is still living, and makes her home in Altoona.

The parental family of our subject included eight children, of whom we make the following mention: William was a machinist, and is now deceased. Alonzo served as a soldier during the late war, serving his country faithfully and well for three years and three months; he is also deceased. Our subject was the next in order of birth; Harry is engaged in business with George, of this sketch; Mary E. is the wife of Frank R. Finney, of Altoona; Annie, Alice and Cordelia are deceased.

The subject of this sketch was born in Lancaster, February 22, 1847, and after acquiring a good education in the public schools learned the cabinet-maker's trade under the instruction of his father. In May, 1862, during the progress of the Civil War, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, under Capt. J. M. Raub, and was mustered into the nine months' service at Harrisburg. His regiment was sent to join the Army of the Potomac, and young Anne participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, besides numerous skirmishes. His term of enlistment expiring, he was mustered out, but soon thereafter re-enlisted, this time becoming a member of the Twenty-first Pennsylvania Cavalry, also in the nine months' service. At the end of that time he joined the One Hundred and Ninety-seventh Infantry, and remaining with them for three or four months, entered the Second Construction Corps, under Colonel Wright, and was on duty in South Carolina until the close of the war, and in May, 1865, received his honorable discharge.

After the establishment of peace, our subject returned home and found employment in the machine shops of Lancaster, of which he had charge until establishing in business for himself in the year 1878. His first enterprise was the manufacture of portable fan blowers, used by blacksmiths, which was the first article of the kind ever made. He also obtained the patent on a portable forge and drill presser, which he also man-

ufactured. In 1881 he added to his already large establishment the manufacture of fire escapes and all kinds of fancy iron work, of which he makes a specialty, and has a large and rapidly increasing business among builders and contractors.

Mr. Anne gives employment in the different departments of his factory to one hundred men. His brass foundry is 55x37 feet in dimensions, the blacksmith shop of the same proportions, and the machine shop 100x36 feet in size and two stories in height. He originates his own designs in ornamental work. In 1881 our subject formed a partnership with Abraham L. Thomas, and the firm is widely and favorably known throughout this portion of the state.

The marriage of George W. Anne occurred in this city in 1866, at which time Miss Mary A. McCutchen became his wife. She was a native of Lancaster and is now deceased, leaving a family of three children: John W., engaged in the machine shops of our subject; George W., Jr., also a workman in the machine shops; and Amanda E., now the wife of Louis Shipman, of Altoona. The second union of Mr. Anne occurred April 19, 1893, when Miss Louisa Shlagel, a native of York, this state, became his wife. In social affairs our subject belongs to Lodge No. 68, K. of P. He is a true-blue Republican in politics, and in religion is a devoted member of St. John's Lutheran Church.



**H**ON. MARRIOTT BROSIUS, M. C. The progress of Lancaster County has been promoted and its fame enhanced by its many noble sons, who, entering the arena of public life, have through the exercise of native abilities gained a national reputation. Such an one is the subject of this biographical review, a man of extended information, liberal culture, with clear and concise opinions on all important questions, and one whose eloquence, integrity and superior intellectual gifts entitle him to rank among the eminent statesmen of the country.

It is a fact of which Mr. Brosius may well be proud, that both his paternal and maternal ances-

tors were of sturdy Quaker stock. The first representative of the Brosius family in America was his great-grandfather, Henry, who, emigrating from England in the year 1780, settled near Philadelphia. Grandfather Mahlon Brosius, who was born in Chester County, there engaged in the occupation of a potter. He was a worthy man and a prominent member of the Society of Friends. Our subject's father, Clarkson Brosius, also a native of Chester County, followed farming pursuits until his death in 1842. His mother, Rachael, who died in 1850, was a daughter of Samuel Hambleton, a farmer of Chester County.

There were five children in the family, and three are now living, of whom Marriott is the eldest. In 1840 the family removed from Chester County to Colerain Township, Lancaster County, and there his birth occurred March 7, 1843. His boyhood years were busily but uneventfully passed upon the home farm, and in the infrequent intervals from agricultural work he attended the neighboring schools. His broad information, however, has been gained mainly through self-culture and his own unaided exertions. Shortly before the war he entered the Chestnut Hill Academy, in Colerain Township, where for a brief period he continued his studies.

The opening of the Rebellion aroused the patriotic spirit of the young student, and laying aside his books, he enlisted in the service of the Union. In November, 1861, when only eighteen years of age, his name was enrolled as a member of Company K, Ninety-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, Captain Wayne commanding the company, and Col. Henry W. Guss the regiment. He was mustered in as First Corporal, and served for thirty-eight months, meantime being promoted to Sergeant, and later to Lieutenant. Possessing the dauntless courage of a veteran, with the enthusiasm of youth, he was ever conspicuous for gallantry in the field. On the 20th of May, 1864, during the terrible charge at Bermuda Hundred, Va., he was as usual in the thickest of the fight, when, stooping to raise a wounded comrade, a ball from the rifle of a Confederate sharpshooter pierced his shoulder. He was taken from the field into the hospital, where it was found that the bone of

the arm had been destroyed at the shoulder-joint. He was obliged to undergo a severe operation; a section of the bone from the shoulder-joint toward the elbow was removed. For a long time the result of the operation seemed doubtful. For three months he lay in one position, hovering between life and death, and for eight months he was confined in the hospital. Finally he recovered his health, but his arm has been disabled from that day to this. In December, 1864, he was honorably discharged from the service.

Years after the war, one of the field officers of the regiment, writing of Mr. Brosius as a soldier, paid him this tribute: "His record is linked and written with the Ninety-seventh Regiment, in whose rolls his name was subscribed in 1861. Its history is his history, and its fame is his fame, and its glorious deeds are the sum of the faithful brave deeds of the men who with him went forth at the call of this country to battle for the preservation of the life of the nation. Among the most earnest, and yet quiet and unobtrusive in all his actions, was Marriott Brosius. From the day of his enlistment in the service until stricken down by the bullet of the enemy, he was ever at his post of duty, active and vigilant as a sentinel, brave and courageous in the line of battle. He was regarded as a model soldier, as well from the force of culture that indicated the perfect gentleman, as from the exact fulfillment of duty that indicated the trained veteran soldier."

Returning to his home and resuming the duties of civic life, Mr. Brosius soon entered the Normal School at Millersville, where he remained until 1867. He commenced the study of law with Hon. Thomas E. Franklin, ex-Attorney-General of Pennsylvania, and a prominent attorney of Lancaster. Later entering the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, he was graduated with honors from that institution in 1868. During the same year he was admitted to the Bar, and opening an office at Lancaster, soon became known as a skillful, accurate and judicious lawyer.

A talent for oratory is one of the native gifts of Mr. Brosius. In the early days of the temperance movement, before it had taken the Prohibitory turn, he received from the Order of Good

Templars an offer of the position of State Lecturer for their organization. For this position he had been recommended by the poet, George W. Bungay, who had heard him speak and was convinced that he would be of the greatest service in that capacity. It was by no means an easy position. He was in constant demand, and once made thirty-four speeches in thirty days. While, however, it was not an easy place, yet it proved of the greatest benefit to him, developing in him a fluency of expression, tact and versatility that have since contributed largely to his success. His fame as an orator is as widely known as his name. In 1876 he was chosen to deliver the Centennial Oration at Lancaster. September 18, 1880, on the eighteenth anniversary of the battle of Antietam, he delivered the oration on the occasion of the unveiling of the statue in the National Cemetery at Antietam.

In political matters Mr. Brosius has always been independent, placing principle above party in his thoughts and actions. June 24, 1882, he was nominated for Congressman-at-large by the Republican State Convention, but failed of election, though running seventy-six hundred votes ahead of his ticket. On the 14th of April, 1888, he was nominated for Congress by the Republican party in Lancaster County, and was elected to the Fifty-first Congress by a plurality of one thousand and two votes, there being four candidates in the field. Two years later he was again chosen for that honorable position, was re-elected in 1892, and in 1894 was elected to the Fifty-fourth Congress. In the House of Representatives his career has been that of an able, talented statesman, one who places the interests of his constituents above his personal welfare, and who advances their interests in every way possible.

Socially, Mr. Brosius belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also holds membership in the George H. Thomas Post No. 84, G. A. R. He adheres to the Quaker faith, and is devoted to the religion of his ancestors. His marriage, occurring in Chester County, March 18, 1869, united him with Miss Elizabeth J. Coates, a native of this county, and a daughter of Simmons Coates, whose family was long prominent in the Quaker Church.

Mrs. Brosius was educated in the Millersville Normal School, and is a cultured, refined lady, whose talents enable her to assist her husband by active co-operation and counsel. Four children blessed their union, two of whom, Gertrude C. and Grace Anna, survive.

In 1893 the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Mr. Brosius by Ursanus College. Other deserved honors have been bestowed upon him from time to time, and these he has accepted modestly and unostentatiously. Poverty in youth did not humiliate, nor does power and success unduly exalt him. He retains to an unusual degree the unpretentious manner and simple habits that characterized his years of private life. To sum up the principal points in his character, we can do no better than quote from his home paper, the Lancaster *Examiner*, as follows: "Mr. Brosius is known because he deserves recognition, won by his brains, his integrity and the force of his character. A plain, unpretentious man, never seeking office, or asking any one's political support, he is to-day the embodiment of political independence. Conscience has always been his guide, not the ambition of selfishness. Duty called him to the front in the country's battle with treason. He asked but a private's rank. Courage and scars, not favor or beseeching, gave him the officer's epaulettes. In civil life he made himself. He came from the plow, and industry, perseverance and self-reliance placed him in the upper seats of the forum."



**H**ON. J. L. STEINMETZ is one of the most promising and enterprising citizens of Lancaster, being identified with many of her leading industries and interests. For nearly a quarter of a century he has been a leading attorney-at-law, having built up a fine reputation as a member of the legal profession. He is President of the People's National Bank and President of the Trust, Savings and Deposit Company, which two institutions do a business of over \$1,000,000

per annum and enjoy the universal confidence of the public. Moreover he is President of the Citizens' Electric Light, Heat and Power Company and serves in a like capacity with the Clay & Hinkletown Turnpike Company. He is a man of wide information, having traveled extensively both in this country and on the continent of Europe, and is a most interesting conversationalist.

A native of South Annville, Lebanon County, this state, Mr. Steinmetz was born August 22, 1845. His grandfather, Charles, was born and reared in Germany, and coming to this country, settled near Ephrata, of which he was one of the founders, and there his death occurred when he had reached the age of seventy-seven years. His wife, whose maiden name was Beaver, lived to the age of ninety-three years, and of their eight children two died at the age of ninety-two years, two at the age of eighty-eight, and one lived until his eighty-seventh year. The youngest, Mrs. Coover, is still living at a ripe old age, and one of her brothers died in his sixty-eighth year, while the remaining members of the family departed this life when nearly fifty-two years of age. This is a remarkable record of longevity and it is probably on the maternal side that this inheritance of long life has come down to her descendants.

Jacob Steinmetz, Sr., father of our subject, was born near Ephrata, this county, where on arriving at man's estate he engaged in farming and later purchased the Secrest property in South Annville, Lebanon County, where he engaged extensively in farming until his death, which occurred when he was in the prime of life, in 1851. In religious faith he was a member of the Lutheran denomination and in politics was a Democrat. His wife, formerly Catherine Gross, was a daughter of John Gross, of Ephrata, who was a large dealer in real estate and also engaged in merchandising and hotel keeping. Mr. Gross was a prominent man, having served as Postmaster and was one of the organizers of the Lancaster County National Bank, in which he had seventy-two shares of the original stock at the time of his death. His property, which was very valuable and extensive, fell to his six children on his demise. He was one of the stockholders and promoters of the Horse Shoe Turnpike

Company, it being organized in 1803. He was actively identified in its upbuilding, and the stone bridges and roads were largely constructed by special state appropriations, which he was active in securing. His wife, Mary A., was a daughter of Col. John Wright, a Colonel in the Revolutionary War. Ephrata is also noted where the Seventh Day Baptists established their first church, and there was the first printing press with wooden type used in America. John Gross was one of ten children and his father settled near Manheim in 1737. The family originated in Germany, where the father was a wealthy agriculturist, and to each of his children he gave \$10,000. Mrs. Steinmetz died at the age of eighty-one, in 1886.

In a family of eleven children our subject is the youngest, and seven of the number are living. He was reared to manhood at his birthplace, receiving a good education in the common schools and afterward attending Annville Academy and Dickenson Seminary at Williamsport, being graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Subsequently he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was graduated from the literary department with the degree of Master of Arts and from the law department with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. At his Alma Mater he was a member, and at one time President of the Webster Literary Society. During the vacations of the Michigan University he was a law student of Hon. Isaac E. Hiester.

In 1870 our subject began the practice of his profession at Lancaster, Pa., in partnership with Charles E. Gast, now of Pueblo, Colo., and this partnership existed until 1873, when Mr. Gast removed to the west. Our subject continued his large and lucrative practice alone until 1890, when John E. Malone became his partner. Mr. Malone was appointed Postmaster January 1, 1894, and then William H. Kelier, who was graduated with the highest honors in the law college at Washington, D. C., became the partner of Mr. Steinmetz. In the year 1876 our subject was a delegate to the convention at St. Louis which nominated Tilden for the Presidency, and the same fall was elected to the State Legislature from Lancaster on the Democratic ticket, overcoming a large Republican ma-

jority. During his two years' service he was a member of a number of important committees, but since that time has abandoned politics, devoting his attention to law and banking.

February 5, 1890, our subject married Miss Mary Virginia Hawthorn, whose birth occurred in the Old Dominion. Her father, James Clemson Hawthorn, a native of this county, went to Virginia prior to the war, where he carried on a plantation. His wife, Mary L., is a daughter of John Eberman, who for twenty-five years was cashier of the Farmers' National Bank of this city. To our subject and his wife has been born one child, who is called in honor of his maternal grandfather Hawthorn.

In January, 1890, Mr. Steinmetz was elected President of the People's Bank, and in January, 1892, he was instrumental in the organization of the People's Trust, Savings and Deposit Company chartered under the laws of the state, by reason of which it is enabled to transact business relating to trusts, settlement of estates and similar transactions. The business of these two banks is kept entirely separate, though they are located in the same building, one of the finest of the kind in the state. The capital stock of the People's National Bank is \$200,000, while that of the Trust Company is \$250,000. The latter has made over ten per cent. on the capital invested and has been a success from the start. The National Bank has been correspondingly successful, and both concerns have and merit the entire trust of the people. The Citizens' Electric Light, Heat and Power Company is a new organization incorporated in 1893 and having a capital stock of \$100,000. The plant is a fine one, on the most modern plan, and the Westinghouse system is here found in all its perfection, all the latest electric machinery and appliances being used. The plant is located near Conestoga Creek, outside the city limits, by reason of which it can use the condenser with greatest economy, and is one of the finest concerns of the kind in the Union.

The Clay and Hinkletown Turnpike Company, of which Mr. Steinmetz is President, has rebuilt and abandoned portions of the old Horse-shoe Turnpike, a distance of eight and a-half miles,

through a densely populated region, and this is a most important enterprise. Our subject has always enjoyed a very paying and large practice as a lawyer and has been associated with many of the most prominent cases in both local and federal courts. In 1889 he attended the Paris Exposition and spent some time pleasantly in travel in different parts of Europe. He also sojourned in Europe during the summer of 1894. His beautiful home is situated in the midst of large grounds pleasantly located on North Duke Street and is considered one of the most handsome places in the city.

It is the interior furnishing and decorations which attest the elegant and cultured taste of both Mr. and Mrs. Steinmetz. Their home is also adorned with several pieces of fine statuary and many rare and exquisite paintings from the hands of the old masters. It is here in their superb home that they extend a graceful hospitality to their friends.



**D**ANIEL M. MOORE, proprietor of the Fremont Hotel at Columbia, is one of the most popular hotel men in this portion of the state. Mr. Moore became the owner of his present house in January, 1892. It is the largest and best equipped hotel in the city, and is well patronized by the traveling public.

Our subject is the son of Samuel and Mary (McFalls) Moore, and was born March 8, 1838, in Providence Township, Lancaster County. The first representative of the family in America was Grandfather Anthony Moore, who came hither from Ireland in 1700. He at once located in Bucks County, where he worked at his trade of ironmolder and remained until his removal to this county, where his last days were spent. He was a Whig in politics and fought as a soldier in the War of 1812. He was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church, and by his marriage with Miss Elizabeth Wertz there were born six children: Samuel, David, Daniel, Sarah, Mary and Hannah.

Samuel Moore was born in Berks County, this

state, but later removed to Bucks County, where he owned a good tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he cultivated with fair success. Prior to this, however, and when twenty-two years of age, he owned a farm and followed charcoaling, furnishing the farmers in the vicinity with that product. He was a Whig in politics until the organization of the Republican party, when he joined its ranks.

The parental family of our subject included eleven children, of whom Daniel was the third eldest. His brothers and sisters bore the respective names of John, David, Samuel, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth and Harriet. The father of these children departed this life July 3, 1889, when in the eighty-eighth year of his age.

The original of this sketch received his education in the district schools of his native township, and on the outbreak of the late war volunteered his services to the Union Army, becoming a member of Company I, Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, and took part in many of the hard-fought battles of that period. He served during the entire period, and was mustered out September 13, 1865.

When peace was declared our subject returned home, and soon thereafter removed to Rawlinsville, where he opened up a hotel, which he conducted for five and one-half years. In 1877 he removed to Lancaster, still continuing in the hotel business, and became the proprietor of the Lamb Hotel, and later of the White Swan Hotel, the latter of which he operated for eight years. We next find him in York, where he opened up the Washington Hotel, and two years later made his way to Chicago. His stay in the World's Fair City was very short, however, and returning to Lancaster, he made that city his home until the 6th of January, 1892, the date of his advent into Columbia. Here he established the Fremont Hotel, which he is conducting at the present time. As before stated, it is the largest in the city, is conveniently located, finely furnished, and Mr. Moore as "mine host" is making a success of the business.

Our subject has always been interested in the welfare of his city, and for a term of three years

served in the City Council on the Republican ticket. He has been the recipient of various minor offices and is an honest and intelligent man and a favorite with all. In social affairs he stands high in Masonic circles, belonging to Washington Lodge No. 56; Kosciusko Lodge No. 374, I. O. O. F., and Pliny Lodge No. 473, K. of P. He is a prominent Grand Army man and takes an active interest in Reynolds Post No. 405.

The marriage of our subject was celebrated December 22, 1866, at which time Miss Rose Galen became his wife. Mrs. Moore died in August, 1874, and the lady whom our subject chose as his second companion was Miss Olivia, daughter of Francis B. Graff, of this county.



**A**BRAM B. BAUSMAN, D. V. S., makes his home in Millersville and owns a good farm which he superintends himself, it being located in Manor Township. It is well improved, and the Doctor keeps a number of fine grades of cattle and horses. In the line of his profession he has acquired a large and lucrative practice and has studied for years the best works on the subject. His parents were Abram and Anna (Brenaman) Bausman, and his birth occurred August 31, 1851, on his father's old homestead.

In tracing the family history we find that the great-grandfather of the Doctor, John Bausman, emigrated from Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, to the United States at a very early day, and his son, our subject's grandfather, who was born in the same province, left the Fatherland in order to escape military service, going across the Rhone to France. He was an excellent farmer and a distiller, and when about twenty years of age he came alone to the United States, settling near the city of Lancaster. Here he purchased a tract of land on which Bausman Postoffice is now located, and owned two adjoining farms, aggregating some two hundred acres, on which he resided the remainder of



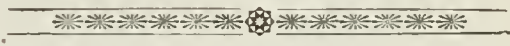
his life and carried on a distillery, selling the products of the same in Pittsburg, after they had been transported over the old state road. When death claimed him he was a man of considerable wealth and influence, and held a number of township offices; he was a School Director and a strong advocate of the public school system. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and religiously was a member of the old Reformed Church of Lancaster, serving in official capacities. He became the father of the following named children: John, Andrew, Abram, Jacob, Samuel, Elizabeth, Henry, Philip and Benjamin.

Abram Bausman, our subject's father, was born in Lancaster Township, near the present Postoffice of Bausman and attended the early day schools of the township. He remained with his father until attaining his majority, when he purchased the farm which our subject now owns in Manor Township, a place of one hundred and eighty-three acres, where he made many improvements and continued to make his home until 1878. He then retired and built a handsome brick residence on the corner of the farm, where he passed his remaining years. A Republican, he was greatly interested in the cause of education, for years was a School Director and was one of the founders of the Millersville State Normal, in which he remained a Trustee until 1874, when he resigned. He was a member of the Reformed Church at Millersville, and in company with Samuel Bausman, Abram Peters, and his son Abram, with others, built the Zion's Reformed Church, in which he was an Elder for a long period. He married Anna, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Brenaman, by whom he had nine children, as follows: Jacob, a resident of Hagerstown, Md.; John; Abram, who died in his third year; Henry; our subject, the second bearing the name of Abram; Andrew, a practicing physician of Chicago; Anna, Barbara, and Benjamin, who died at the age of seven months. The father's death occurred December 29, 1891, and his wife, who is yet living, resides in Millersville.

Dr. Bausman received his elementary education in the district schools of Manor Township, and afterwards attended for three years the Millersville Normal School. When eighteen years of age

he took much of the care of his father's farm upon his own shoulders and in 1893 purchased the home-  
stead, part of which had been sold off. This comprises one hundred and twenty-two acres, and the Doctor has given a great deal of labor and attention to its proper management. In 1880 he took up the study of veterinary surgery, being under the instruction of several noted doctors in this profession, and passed an examination before the Recorder of this county, who pronounced him proficient and granted him a certificate to practice. The Doctor is a Director in the Manor Turnpike Company, and occupies a similar position in the Eastern Market of Lancaster. For eight years he has been a Deacon in the Mt. Zion Reformed Church and an active worker in the denomination. Politically he is a Republican and is a loyal patriotic citizen.

January 15, 1878, occurred the marriage of our subject and Laura F. Bard. Her father, Samuel Bard, was one of the extensive and most prosperous farmers of Leacock Township. By his neighbors he was considered to be a man of unusual business ability, industrious, economical and withal kind, sympathetic, and one who stood high in the county. At the present time he has retired from his active business career, enjoying a well earned competence at his home in Upper Leacock Township. He is the father of the following children: Harry, Laura, James, Justice, Aggie, Samuel, Ida, and Willis, who is deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Bausman have had two children, Minnie, who is now attending the Normal School, and Abram Bard, who died on Christmas night, 1893.



**J**OHIN P. SCHAUUM, a dealer in house furnishing goods, and manufacturer of tinware and the famous old-fashioned copper kettles, which business has been in the family for over one hundred years, will form the subject of this notice. He was born on South Queen Street, Lancaster, December 19, 1833, the son of Philip Schaum, who was also born there, and in that

place the grandfather, Philip H., resided. The great-grandfather, Rev. Heinrich Schaum, was a native of Germany, and a graduate of the college of Holla; he was the third Lutheran minister to emigrate to this country, and landed in Philadelphia in 1745. He was ordained in the old Trinity Church of Lancaster, and preached at York, Germantown, Rahway (N. J.), White Hall and other points. After a long, eventful and useful life, he was buried at White Hall, in Lehigh County, Pa.

The grandfather of our subject, who was a copper-smith, was established a business at Lancaster, and the same has been kept in the family for over a century. He died in 1812. Our subject's father, who conducted the copper-smith business at the old place, No. 27 South Queen Street, died in 1863, aged sixty-four years. Originally he was a Whig, but later in life was identified with the Republican party. His wife's maiden name was Catherine Helt; she was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and the daughter of Philip Helt, who was a brewer and distiller; he worked at that business all of his life, and died at Lancaster. Our subject's mother died at the age of sixty years. She was the mother of three children: Henry, a retired farmer living in Minnesota; John P., our subject; and George B., who followed the furniture business and died at Lancaster.

Our subject was reared in his native city, obtaining a good education at the common and high schools. When seventeen years of age, he was apprenticed as a tinsmith under ex-Mayor Keeper, on East King Street, with whom he remained for three years. Afterward he was made foreman, remaining one year in that position, and then went to Philadelphia. There he worked a year at his trade, and in the year 1854 established himself in business on South Queen Street. It was in the year 1859 that he purchased Mr. Keeper's business and formed the company of Deaner & Schaum; he continued the business eight years, adding the plumbing business. In 1868 he sold his interest, and later conducted the same business on his own account, and is an extensive manufacturer of copper kettles, which are known all over this country, and upon which medals have been awarded

at the Centennial, Franklin Institute and Pennsylvania State Fair. His trade extends over the middle southern and western states.

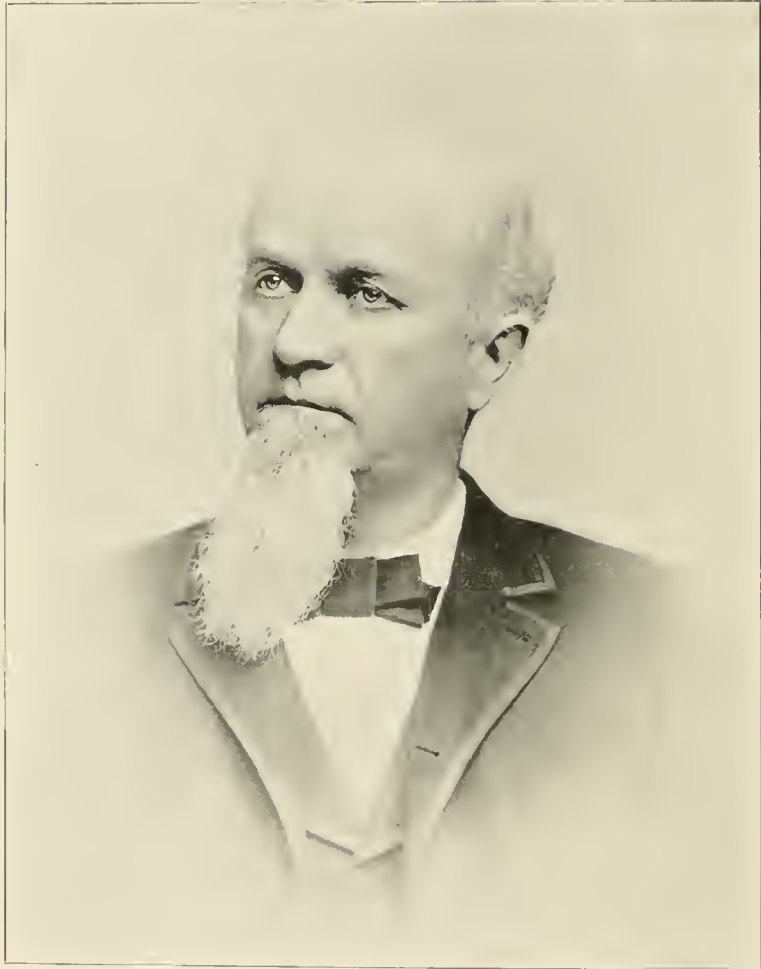
November 18, 1862, at Lancaster, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Fordney, a native of Lancaster, as was her father, Jacob Fordney, and her grandfather, Jacob; the latter was a tanner of buckskin and a manufacturer of buckskin clothing. His old tannery stood near No. 33 South Queen Street. Three brothers came from the line between France and Switzerland, and located in Lancaster; they were Huguenots. The Fordney family were large land owners in Pennsylvania at an early day. The original family name was Fortbenieux, and was changed from that to Fortenee, and finally to Fordney. Mrs. Fordney's father was a gunsmith, and conducted a shop at the corner of Orange and Prince Streets. He was a Henry Clay Whig, and had a log cabin in his yard. He manufactured guns and sold them to the Government, as well as to the dealers. He died at the age of seventy years, a respected citizen and a consistent member of the German Reformed Church. Mrs. Schaum's mother, whose maiden name was Rebecca Ackerman, was a native of Lancaster, and died young. Mrs. Schaum was her only child. She was reared by her Grandfather Fordney.

Our subject and his wife are the parents of three children: John G., a plumber of Lancaster; Philip H., a member of the firm of Dean & Schaum, electricians; and Albert L., a clerk in Lancaster. The two oldest of these children are married.



**W**ILLIAM GOOD is Superintendent of the Lancaster County Asylum, Hospital and Almshouse, a very responsible position, the duties of which he discharges with conscientious and commendable ability. The Almshouse is very commodious and can accommodate over four hundred persons. The Insane Asylum can give shelter to one hundred and ten patients, and the Hospital in connection with these has a capacity of one hundred persons. The buildings are situated on the Philadelphia Pike and are





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built on approved modern plans. They are kept in most immaculate order, and the general management of affairs reflects great honor upon the Superintendent.

William Good was born in Upper Leacock Township, Lancaster County, September 18, 1835, and is of German descent. His paternal grandfather, Michael Good, operated a small farm in West Earl Township, and manufactured cradles on a small scale. Our subject's father, Cyrus Good, was born on the old homestead carried on by his father and learned the cooper's trade. He farmed on a tract of land comprising forty-five acres in Upper Leacock Township, near Bareville, and he also had a small cooperage. He died on his farm at the age of sixty-eight years, a man who was much respected by his fellows and one who was of an industrious and honorable character. His wife, Levina, a native of the same township, was a daughter of George Bear, who was a farmer of Earl Township and of German ancestry. The mother died when about seventy-nine years of age, leaving four children to mourn her loss, two of her children having previously passed away.

Reared to agricultural pursuits, William Good passed his early days in the usual manner of farmer lads, attending the district school. He attended the primary schools conducted on the subscription plan, but later was a student in the public schools. The youth learned the cooper's trade, which he followed until he was about twenty-three years of age. He then married and began farming, renting a place until 1883, when he purchased a property comprising fifty-two acres in East Earl Township, some three miles east of New Holland. To its cultivation and improvement he devoted himself for the succeeding ten years, and since that time has rented his farm.

In April, 1893, Mr. Good was appointed by the Board of Trustees as Steward of the Lancaster County Asylum, Hospital and Almshouse, having previously served for about six years as a Director on the Board. He was elected to serve in that capacity in 1887 and was re-elected in 1890. The Poor Farm, which is well improved, consists of one hundred and ninety-six acres, part of which is in, and the remainder adjoining, the city limits. In

such a position as Mr. Good occupies the utmost good judgment, firmness and patience are required to deal with all classes of people, and especially those who are not noted for being very appreciative. When Mr. Good resided in Earl Township, he held a number of public offices, having been Supervisor, Assessor, Auditor, etc. In politics, he is a staunch Republican, having always given his warm and zealous support to that party. He owns two good farms, one of fifty-two acres and the other having seventy acres within its bounds. As one of the Directors in the Lancaster County Mutual Live-stock Insurance Company, he is interested and in many public improvements he has borne an interested part.

When twenty-three years of age our subject was married in Upper Leacock Township to Miss Savilla Sweigert, whose birth occurred there, and whose father, Charles Sweigert, followed farming in that locality. Seven children have graced the union of our subject and wife, and the family circle is yet unbroken by death. Emma is the wife of Reuben Sensing, a farmer of East Lampeter Township. Alice became the wife of John Musser, who operates a farm in Upper Leacock Township. Laura, Mrs. A. G. Rutter, lives on the old homestead. Roland carries on the other farm owned by our subject. Charles and William have their home in Earl Township, and Annie resides with her parents.



**J**OHN D. SKILES is a prominent and worthy old settler of Lancaster, having been actively identified with its upbuilding, and during the years that he has passed within its limits has seen it increase from a town of about eight thousand inhabitants up to its present number of thirty-five to forty thousand citizens. For years he has been engaged in packing and wholesale dealing in leaf tobacco. He was one of the organizers, and since that time has been a Director in the Lancaster Trust Company. With the Pennsylvania Traction Company he is similarly connected, and at various times has assisted materially

in the organization of local industries and concerns.

Since the Fulton National Bank was organized Mr. Skiles has been one of the Directors, and for twenty years has been Treasurer of the Mechanics' Building & Loan Association. For a long time he has been a Trustee of the Lancaster Cemetery Association, and in many other enterprises has lent his support. Being interested in educational affairs, he is a Trustee of the Franklin and Marshall College, and of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church. Religiously he is a member of St. Paul's German Reformed Church, of which he is a Trustee.

The birth of our subject took place April 29, 1829, in Leacock Township, where his boyhood was passed. At the age of ten years he entered the general store of Moses Eby at Intercourse, where he clerked for three years. For the succeeding three years he was employed in Wingers store in West Earl Township, and in 1845 secured employment with Michael Peiper, a grocer in Lancaster. At the end of five years he entered the dry-goods store of Fondersmith & Herr, where he continued for about two years. On the expiration of that time he embarked in business for himself as a grocer at the corner of East King and Duke Streets, which was his headquarters until 1865. Then buying out a dry-goods business on East King Street, he devoted his attention to that branch of trade until 1878, when he sold out. He owns a store building on East King Street, and considerable other property in this city, which he has acquired by means of industry and attention to his business affairs. In 1861 he had invested in a leaf tobacco business in company with his brother-in-law, Mr. Frey, under the firm name of Skiles & Frey, who are now the oldest in this trade in Lancaster. Since 1878 Mr. Skiles has devoted all of his time to the tobacco interest, and the firm handles from five to six thousand cases a year, which are packed in their warehouse, located on North Duke Street. This store room and building are as large as any in Lancaster, having a capacity of five thousand cases, and the business has grown to extensive proportions.

December 1, 1854, Mr. Skiles married Emily M.

Frey, and their only child, William P., died at the age of nineteen years. Mrs. Skiles is the daughter of Jacob Frey, one of the early settlers and formerly a merchant of Lancaster. The residence of our subject and his wife is at No. 438 North Duke Street.

Socially, Mr. Skiles belongs to Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.; Chapter No. 43, R. A. M.; Commandery No. 13, K. T., and to Perfection Lodge. For several years he was a member of the Common Council from the Second Ward, and was President for one year. He is active in the ranks of the Republican party, and has frequently been a delegate to State Conventions. In 1884 he was elected prothonotary of the county on the Republican ticket, and served acceptably in that capacity for a term of three years.



**T**HE VERY REV. ANTHONY F. KAUL, V. F., is the founder and present pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, of Lancaster, and is also Dean of York and Lancaster Counties. His title of Dean was conferred upon him by the Bishop of the diocese in July, 1893. June 13, 1894, the patron feast of the church his silver jubilee, commemorating the quarter of a century that has elapsed since he was ordained to the priesthood, was celebrated and was a memorial occasion.

The birth of Father Kaul occurred in Sinsheim, Baden, Germany, June 8, 1846, and his father, Pirmin, was born in the same locality, being a son of John Kaul, of French descent. The trade of Pirmin Kaul was that of tailor, and he also engaged in the manufacture of epanlets and military regalia. He was married November 28, 1830, to Miss Magdelene, daughter of George Philip Dick, Burgomaster of Grumbach, Baden, in which place occurred the birth of Mrs. Kaul. In the spring of 1847 the parents set out for America, leaving Antwerp in an English sailing-vessel, and after a

stormy voyage of forty-seven days landed in New York City, July 7. Going to Philadelphia they were there for a short time, and then for six months were residents of Reading. On the 1st of April, 1818, the father located on a farm two miles from Adamstown, this county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until October 15, 1852. From that year until 1862 he was engaged in the hotel business in Reading and then retired to private life. In 1877 he came to make his home in this city, where his death occurred June 5, 1883, at the age of seventy-five years, as the date of his birth was May 20, 1808. Politically, he was a Democrat, and in religious belief was a Catholic. His wife, who was born February 20, 1804, is still living, and is making her home with our subject. Of her seven children, all but one grew to maturity and are still living. Annette became the wife of Christian Burger, of Reading Pa.; John H., a retired merchant, lives in the city; Joseph, now known as Brother Leopold, is Professor of music in Notre Dame University of South Bend, Ind.; Mary W., who is housekeeper for Father Kaul, also teaches painting and kindred branches at the Sacred Heart Academy; Elizabeth, now Sister M. Stanislaus, a sister of the Holy Cross and an adept in music, is Superior of the Sacred Heart Academy of Lancaster. Father Anthony Kaul is the youngest of the family.

The early years of our subject were passed in the usual way, he attending the public and parochial schools at Reading, Pa. In 1862 he became a student at St. Charles' Preparatory Seminary at Glen Riddle, Pa. This school was then under the direction of the late Bishop Shanahan, and after completing the classical course Father Kaul entered St. Charles' Theological Seminary on Eighteenth and Race Streets, Philadelphia, where he pursued his philosophical and theological course, and was ordained August 22, 1869, at Harrisburg by Bishop Jeremiah F. Shanahan, first bishop of that diocese. The young priest was sent to Lancaster as assistant to the late Father F. L. Neufeld, of St. Joseph's Church, arriving here September 24, 1869. In the spring of the following year it was decided to form a new parish from St. Joseph's Congregation, the boundary lines being set by the

bishop. This comprised all east of North Water, South Queen and Strawberry Streets. The church, which is located at the corner of Ann and Orange Streets, was founded in April, 1870, by Father Kaul, who worked indefatigably to achieve this end. The lot on which the structure stands is 245x340 feet, was purchased for \$3,500, and at that time was only used as a cornfield. The corner stone was laid August 14, 1870, in the presence of a large concourse, Rev. Father McGinnis, of Danville, Pa., being deputed by the Very Rev. Bernard Keenan, Administrator of the diocese during the absence of the Bishop at the Vatican Council at Rome, to take charge of the ceremony. For the first four years the basement was used for church services, this portion being dedicated April 9, 1871, by Rt.-Rev. Bishop Shanahan. The upper and audience room was completed and dedicated May 17, 1875.

The church is built of brick and ornamented with brown stone. The buttresses are capped with the same kind of stone. The entire length of the building is one hundred and forty-two feet and is sixty-five feet wide. The height of the walls above the foundation is thirty-eight feet; the height to the cone of the roof being about eighty feet. In the front center of the church is a tower of brick about one hundred and fifteen feet in height, which will make the steeple the highest in the city.

The church, which stands back some distance from Orange Street, is entered by three massive doors of solid walnut, which lead into a roomy and well arranged vestibule. From the vestibule are doors that lead into the church and a stairway that leads into the gallery. The audience room is decidedly the handsomest in the city. It is about one hundred feet long, sixty-three feet wide and fifty feet high from the floor to the top of the arched ceiling. The wainscoting, pews and other wood work are finished in walnut and ash. The chancel, which is raised four steps, is enclosed with a heavy walnut railing and carpeted with fine brussels.

The ceiling is formed by a Gothic arch springing from the side walls and flattened at the top. Between the windows are heavy Gothic ribs resting on brackets and reaching to the flattened

part of the ceiling. From each end of these massive ribs, which are beautifully frescoed, depend large drops, two feet or more in length, of handsome pattern and finished in gold.

The gas fixtures comprise ten pedestal lights, being of bronze and gold of new and beautiful design, and placed in two rows, equally distant from the middle and side aisles. On either side of the altar are scroll brackets with five burners each, and suspended from the ceiling in front of the altar hangs a large sanctuary lamp, which is kept constantly burning. This is surmounted by a beautiful glass globe, rose red in color.

Immediately behind the principal altar is a life-size and very excellent picture of the crucifixion painted by Reingruber, the well known artist of this city. On either side are paintings of equal size representing the nativity of Christ and the adoration of the Magi. On the east and west slopes of the ceiling are portraits of all the apostles.

The fourteen large oil paintings representing the stations and framed in walnut are copies of De Schwanden, the famous Munich artist. On either side of the sanctuary arch is an angel with out spread wings and folded hands, and above the arch is an angel holding a scroll bearing the words "Eece tabernaculum Dei." The shading of the ground work is stone color, but this is so handsomely intermingled with brighter shades and hues as to be impossible to describe. Nearly every panel contains the picture or portrait of a saint, and around these are twined a perfect wilderness of arches, columns, ribs, scrolls, etc.

Besides the main altar there are two other altars in the main audience room. The main altar stands within a large arched recess, at the extreme end of the church, and it is painted pure white, tipped with gold. It is eighteen feet in height from the top of the "exposition" to the base. The figure of an adoring angel rests on a pedestal at either side of the altar, while upon the top of the altar are placed six candlesticks, each nine feet and three inches in height. On both sides of the main altar, and a little further to the front, are two smaller altars, also placed within handsomely frescoed arches. One is St. Mary's and the other St. Jo-

seph's. They are of handsome design, and on them are placed respectively statues of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph.

The lofty windows of the church are of beautiful design and filled with stained glass of many brilliant colors. The upper sash of each window contains two figures of saints wrought in the glass. All the windows and paintings have been presented by members or friends of the parish. The three small windows above the sanctuary contain pictures of the blessed sacrament and adoring angels are represented on either side.

The gallery is in the south end of the audience room and extends entirely across it. It is supported by handsome columns and is reached by a stairway built in the vestibule of the church. The stairway and the gallery are wainscoted in solid walnut.

The church has a seating capacity of twelve hundred people, and cost over \$60,000. The grand pipe organ, valued at \$5,000, and the gold-embroidered vestments were purchased at a cost of \$2,000.

In the fall of 1871 a parochial school was opened in the basement of the church with two lay teachers, and two years later the present teachers, Sisters of the Holy Cross of Notre Dame, Ind., took charge, and also opened an academy and boarding school for young ladies known as the Sacred Heart Academy. In the spring of 1876 Father Kaul purchased a lot opposite the church, on the southeast corner of Ann and Orange Streets, for \$4,300, on which was erected the academy, a three-story and basement brick building, fitted out with all modern improvements, such as steam heat, etc.

Every facility is afforded in this excellent and highly known institution for the education of young ladies, the course of studies embracing not only the various branches of elementary training, but everything that goes to make up a finished and accomplished lady. Special attention is given to music and art, and every attention is paid to the comfort and training of pupils.

In the year 1872 a temporary parochial residence was built to the east of the church, and in 1873 five acres of land for cemetery purposes was



purchased on the extension of East Orange Street. In 1892 a like number of acres adjoining the old cemetery was bought and is now known as St. Anthony's Cemetery. For the benefit of the young men of the parish a fine building known as St. Anthony's Institute, is to be erected of brick, three stories and basement, the first floor to be used as a school the second for library purposes and the third for a hall, while the basement will be devoted to a gymnasium. There is also to be erected a handsome parochial residence on the lot west of the church and connected with the same. The various societies of the church are in a very flourishing condition, the most prominent of these being St. Anthony's Beneficial Society and Sodality of the Blessed Virgin and of the Guardian Angel. The congregation now numbers about two hundred and forty families. Father Kaul is a member of the Bishops' Council and Chairman of the Diocesan School Board. In general conversation he is very entertaining and agreeable and is popular with all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. In 1881 it was his privilege to take a trip to Europe and at that time he traveled extensively in Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Germany and Italy. While in Rome he had an interview with Pope Leo XIII, from whom he received the papal blessing and upon his return to his congregation conferred it upon them. In 1886 he made a second trip to Europe, passing most of the time in Germany.

his early years. In the various public capacities in which the Judge has officiated he has acquitted himself greatly to his own credit and has confirmed his fellow-citizens in the wisdom of their choice. For a period of three years he was a member of the City Common Council, being elected from the Second Ward, and for two years of that time was Chairman of the Street Committee. In October, 1889, he was elected one of the School Directors, and a year later was made President of the Board, which post he is still ably filling, and during this time several modern and substantial school buildings have been erected and many improvements made in the educational system.

Born in Penn Township, October 20, 1844, the Judge is a son of James McMullen, whose birth took place in the same locality. He was a carpenter and builder by occupation, and in his later years engaged in carrying on his farm in Penn Township, which comprised one hundred and four acres. After an industrious and successful life, he was called to his final rest in 1886, when about seventy years of age. Politically he was a Democrat and held local positions, such as School Director, etc. His wife, Elizabeth (Scheetz) McMullen, was born in Warwick Township, of the same county, her father, Jacob, a native of Lancaster County, having been one of the pioneer blacksmiths. He followed his trade industriously until he arrived at a good old age, his death occurring when he was nearly eighty. The Scheetz family is of German descent, and old and respected inhabitants of the county. William McMullen, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Belfast, Ireland, where he learned the weaver's trade, and when he came to America, which he did during the last century, he brought his loom with him and continued to work at weaving in addition to carrying on a small farm. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, in the faith of which he died while a resident of Penn Township. Mrs. James McMullen became the mother of four children, three of whom are living, namely: Edward, who is engaged in carrying on the old homestead; Susannah, Mrs. Yeagley, of Lebanon County, Pa., and David, who is next to the youngest. The daughter, who is now deceased, was formerly a

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**J**UDGE D. McMULLEN, of Lancaster, bears a fine reputation as a lawyer of marked ability, and while serving as Judge was noted for his impartiality and fidelity to his well founded convictions of right, truth and justice. One of the native sons of Lancaster County, he comes of a good old family, and was reared by his worthy father in a most exemplary manner, and has never forgotten the teachings he received in

resident of Penn Township, and was the wife of Abram Kauffman. The mother departed this life when about seventy-three years of age, and both she and her husband were at the time of their deaths devoted members of the Reformed Church.

The boyhood days of Judge McMullen passed quite uneventfully on his father's farm, and to him he gave his assistance in its cultivation and in his general carpenter work. His education was received in the public schools and later he entered Yeates Institute, where he pursued his studies for a year, teaching school during the summer season. For three years he was then a pupil in Millersville Normal, making his own way through college by means of the money earned from teaching during the summer terms. In 1868 he was graduated from the Normal School, and by this time had acquired so much experience as a teacher that he was called upon to be Principal of the Oil City public schools, in which capacity he acted for two years. As he was possessed of great ambition and had given some thought to legal work, he next decided to take up the profession, and in 1870 came to this city to pursue his studies with Samuel H. Reynolds, with the result that in December, 1872, he was admitted to the Bar. At once he began practice in his present office at No. 122 East King Street, being an assistant and partner of his former tutor until his death, which occurred in 1889. Since that event the Judge has continued business and settled up the estate of his former partner and succeeded to his large practice, which has been further supplemented by the many clients he has acquired through his own unassisted efforts.

March 2, 1892, Judge McMullen was appointed to succeed Judge Patterson, who had recently died. He acted in that office until the next general election, being appointed by Governor Pattison, and was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas until January, 1893. An active partisan and supporter of the Democracy, he has taken a leading share in its local work, and was at one time candidate for District Attorney on the ticket, and though not elected, reduced the Republican majority from nearly nine thousand to three thousand votes. In the fall of 1892 he came within twenty-five hundred votes of being elected Judge, and is

undoubtedly one of the most popular men of his party in Lancaster. In educational work our subject has always been decidedly active, and to his zeal was due in a large measure the erection of the fine new buildings for school purposes, one at the corner of Duke and German Streets, and the other at the corner of Mulberry and Vine Streets. In many local enterprises he is interested, being an attorney for the Electric Light Company, in which he is a Director, and has lent his substantial influence to the development of everything pertaining to the betterment of the city. Fraternally he is a member of the Royal Arcanum and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Of the latter he is Past Master, and has served as representative to the Grand Lodge. He was appointed by the State Superintendent in 1893 to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Millersville Normal, his Alma Mater.

On the 6th of January, 1874, Judge McMullen was united in marriage with Miss Sue E. Lightner, who was born in Lancaster County. Mrs. McMullen's father, Peter E. Lightner, was a well-to-do farmer of Lancaster Township, and died in 1868. Two children have come to bless the home of the Judge and his estimable wife, their names in order of birth being Mary and Emily. They are members of St. James' Episcopal Church, in which Judge McMullen has been Treasurer for fifteen years, and Vestryman for four years.



**S**AMUEL EVANS, one of the old settlers of Lancaster County, whose home is in the borough of Columbia, was a valiant soldier during the late war. He is a very well read and educated man, and has served in various official capacities to the satisfaction of all concerned. During the Greeley campaign he was editor of the *Columbia Democrat*, and has at various times contributed interesting articles to the daily and weekly papers of the county and state. When the history

of Lancaster County was published in 1881, his services were brought into requisition in the historical department, and altogether he has accomplished a great deal in a literary way.

The birth of Samuel Evans occurred January 20, 1823, at the "Mansion Farm" in Donegal Township, his parents being Alexander Lowrey and Hannah (Slaymaker) Evans, the latter a daughter of the late Hon. Amos Slaymaker. In tracing the ancestry of the Evans family, we find that one John came with his parents from Wales to Philadelphia about 1695, and located in a Welsh settlement in Newcastle County, Del., near Wilmington. Later he removed to Chester County, and in London Britain Township, took up a large tract of land comprising about one thousand acres, which was surveyed to ex-Governor Evans, of Pennsylvania. Here he located and built a flour and saw-mill. In 1700 his son John was born, who on arriving at maturity married a neighbor's daughter, Miss Jane Howell, in 1722. In 1716 his father purchased a farm of four hundred acres on White Clay Creek, where he opened up a mill, and afterward bought land at Newark, where he died.

Evan Evans, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a son of John and Jane Evans, born in 1732, and a brother of John Evans, third Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Evan Evans, the great-grandfather, married Margaret Nivan; they had ten children. He died in 1794, having previously been a counselor of Chester County, a member of the Legislature, and a member of the Convention at Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, in June, 1776. At the opening of the War for Independence he organized the Second Battalion, which he commanded at the battle of Brandywine, and in the same battle the great-grandfather of our subject on the maternal side, Colonel Lowrey, commanded the Third Battalion from Lancaster County. His Grandfather Samuel Evans was born in 1758, and during the Revolutionary War was Captain in his father's battalion, afterwards served in the Legislature and was appointed by Governor Mifflin as Associate Judge of Chester County. He was a very prominent and wealthy man, active in politics, and had a collegiate education. He belonged first to the

Baptist Church and later became a Presbyterian. In April, 1793, he married Frances Lowrey, who was born February 1, 1775. Of their seven children, Jane married Hon. Jasper Slaymaker, a prominent citizen of Lancaster; Evan R. wedded a daughter of Mr. Collins, whose daughter became the wife of Assistant Attorney-General Alfred McCalmont, under President Buchanan in Washington, D. C.

Alexander L. Evans, the father of our subject, was born in March, 1793, had college advantages and was a strong Federalist. He gave a great deal of attention to legal work, and at one time was in the volunteer service as a member of the militia. He was married, but only had one child, the subject of this biography. The death of the father occurred July 1, 1839, when he was yet in the prime of life. Ann married Mr. McElderry, of Baltimore. Margaret married Jacob Zell, and Elizabeth married Mr. Doogewerff, of Baltimore.

Our subject attended the public schools and academy at Marietta until the spring of 1838, when he commenced learning the carpenter's trade, and became a master builder. Later he conducted a lumber trade in Columbia, and was also a contractor for many years. In 1853 he was elected Justice of the Peace, and four years later was elected Clerk of the Quarter Sessions of Lancaster County. In the spring of 1861 he enlisted in Company K, Fifth Pennsylvania Reserves, as a private, but was soon promoted to the position of First Lieutenant and Quartermaster of his regiment. Afterwards he was Acting Quartermaster and Assistant Commissary of the brigade, serving as such for a year and a-half, and during a portion of the time having charge of that department in the entire division. In the spring of 1864 he was First Lieutenant and Commissary, having charge of one thousand head of cattle, and issuing supplies to detachments of troops at General Grant's and General Warren's headquarters, and to destitute citizens in Virginia.

At the end of his three years' term our subject was mustered out and returned to his home in Columbia. He had taken part in the battles in which the Pennsylvania Reserves were engaged from Dranesville, Va., to Bethesda Church, Va., June 30, 1864, and after his return to Pennsylvania sent a

substitute, and also one for his wife, to serve during the remainder of the conflict, and paid these men out of his own pocket voluntarily. He then took up his duties as Justice of the Peace, and has served ever since as such, for a period of about thirty-six years altogether. In addition to this he has been Clerk of Quarter Session Court, and has served in other offices, doing good work for the Republican party, with which he has been identified since its organization.

Mr. Evans has traveled to a considerable extent and especially in the west. He belongs to the Historical Society of Philadelphia, to the Sons of the Revolution and to the Society of Scotch-Irish Americans. December 26, 1857, Mr. Evans wedded Mary, daughter of Benjamin W. Shoch, who resided in York, and was a successful teacher. Of this marriage were born three children: Fannie, deceased; Samuel, who died at the age of three years, and Lilian S., who was Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, belonging to Donegal Chapter. She is much interested in the work of the society, and represented the chapter to which she belongs in the convention which convened at Altoona, Pa., in 1894, and at the National Congress of the society which met in Washington, D. C., in 1893 and 1894. Mrs. Evans is a lady of superior education, and is the author of several articles and writings, both prose and poetry, possessing considerable merit.



**W**ILLIAM D. SNYDER, manager of the Keely Stove Company in Columbia, was born February 13, 1843, in Chilsiquaque, Northumberland County, this state. His parents were John Frederick and Mary (Dehart) Snyder, also born in the Keystone State. The paternal grandfather of our subject, John B. Snyder, was born in Montgomery County, where he spent the greater part of his life following the trade of shoemaker. He was a Democrat in politics and

understood well the political issues of his day, and took an active part in local affairs. For three years he was a member of the Town Council, for eight years served as Overseer of the Poor of Milton, and in numerous other positions aided in the upbuilding of his community. He was a true Christian gentleman and was greatly interested in the progress of the Reformed Church, of which he was a member. He participated in the Black Hawk War, serving as Captain of a company which was sent to the front.

The paternal grandmother of our subject was prior to her marriage Sarah Elizabeth Rumer, a native of Northampton County, this state. She became the mother of three sons and one daughter, of whom J. Frederick, the father of our subject, was the eldest. The other members of the family were Peter; Albert, who was killed during the war, and Sarah. The grandfather died in 1875, when sixty-seven years of age.

J. Frederick Snyder was born in Montgomery County, where he made his home until his marriage, prior to which event he was given a good education in the public schools. When reaching mature years he began clerking in a store and continued to act as salesman from 1842 to 1860. After that he followed boating on the Pennsylvania Canal, which occupation he abandoned in order to accept work offered him in a sawmill, for which he received better pay. He departed this life while residing in Milton, in 1887, when in the sixty-fifth year of his age. He was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The father of our subject was twice married. By his first union there were born five children, of whom William D. was the eldest. His sister Sarah, who was the next in order of birth, is deceased; Mary is the wife of Jeremiah Datesman and resides in Milton; and the two remaining members of the family, twins, are deceased. The wife and mother passed to the land beyond in 1850, at the age of thirty-one.

William D. Snyder received his primary education in the common schools of Milton, after which he took a course in the high school. He further received instruction from Rev. A. G. Don, pastor of the Reformed Church of Milton, studying Eng-

lish grammar, rhetoric and geometry. Having completed his education at the age of eighteen, young Snyder engaged in boating until apprenticing himself to learn the trade of a tinsmith a short time thereafter. Mastering the business in three years, he followed it with fair success until 1872, when he formed a partnership with a Mr. Overpeck, the firm name being Overpeck & Snyder. They carried on a good trade in tinsmithing and sheet iron work until the death of the senior partner in 1876, when the style was changed to W. D. Snyder & Co., and continued as such for the following three years. At the end of that time our subject disposed of his interest in the business, remaining with the new firm, however, until 1881, when he went to Middleton and became Superintendent of Raymond & Campbell's mounting establishment, in that place. Remaining there only a short time, however, we find him located in this city in the employ of the Keely Stove Company. On Thanksgiving Day, 1891, Mr. Snyder was elected to the position of Manager of the concern by the board of Directors, and is now working in that capacity to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is a thorough business man, and whatever he undertakes is bound to succeed. The factory is a large structure, two stories in height, and is located on Maple and Second Streets. They have also a salesroom on the corner of Second and Race Streets, Philadelphia, and at No. 21 South Charles Street, Baltimore. The firm are doing a paying business, transacting \$220,000 of business each year, and give employment in all departments to about two hundred men.

In his political views Mr. Snyder is a Prohibitionist, and believes that the time will soon come when that party will elect a President. He has been very active in church work for the past thirty-five years, and has served for twelve years as Superintendent of the Sunday-school and eight years as Deacon. In social affairs he is a prominent Odd Fellow, belonging to Mutual Lodge No. 84, at Milton; and Milton Lodge No. 256, F. & A. M.

William D. Snyder was married in February, 1865, to Miss Sarah E., daughter of Peter Smith, of Milton, and to them has been born a daugh-

ter, Mary, who is now the wife of Edward Fager, of Columbia. Mrs. Snyder died in 1867, and the lady whom our subject chose as his second companion was Miss Nancy C., daughter of James McClosky, of Clinton County, this state. To them have been born four children: Zella, deceased; William Lloyd, Jennie B., and one who died in infancy.



**H**ENRY C. BURROWES. In Lancaster, where he was born and in which city his life has been principally passed, the subject of this sketch is well known as a genial gentleman and energetic business man. Since 1890 he has filled the position of Superintendent of the Penn Iron Works, in which capacity he has been instrumental, not only in increasing the prosperity of that enterprise, but also in promoting the welfare of the people of the city and county.

The name of Burrowes is one of the most honored in the Keystone State, where three generations bearing that name have resided. Grandfather Thomas Burrowes was born in County Cavan, Ireland, and was educated for the ministry of the Episcopal Church, but did not enter the pulpit. In 1784 he emigrated to America and settled in Delaware, whence three years later he came to Pennsylvania, and established his home in Strasburg, Lancaster County, where he engaged in mechanical pursuits. He and his wife, who was a native of County Monaghan, Ireland, were the parents of thirteen children, of whom seven attained years of maturity.

The death of the elder brother of Grandfather Burrowes required the presence of the family in Ireland, to which country they returned in 1810, to take possession of the family property. Seven years later they again crossed the Atlantic, this time settling in Quebec, in Lower Canada, where they continued to reside until 1822. They then

went back to the Emerald Isle, where they disposed of the family estate, and in 1825 finally came back to the United States. In the various removals of the family our subject's father, Thomas Henry Burrowes, participated. He was born in Strasburg, Lancaster County, Pa., November 16, 1805, and was a child of five years when he went to Ireland. For three years he was a private pupil of Rev. William Craven, a kinsman of his mother, and a clergyman of the Church of England. During the five years spent in Quebec, he attended the classical and English schools of that city. Returning to Ireland, he was for a year a pupil of Rev. James Thompson, a Presbyterian minister of Ft. Henry, County Cavan, and during a part of the two following years was a student in Trinity College, Dublin. In addition to the ordinary branches of a liberal English education, he acquired a good knowledge of the Latin and French languages, as well as a fair acquaintance with Greek and German. While he gained much through his collegiate course, his character was largely moulded by his environments, by observation through extended travel, in which ways he gained an enlarged view of the world and habits of self-reliance. In after years he was often heard to say that whatever of self-reliance, of directness of purpose, and of power to foresee distant results cleared from the mists of the present, he might possess, had been mainly conferred by the accidents and peculiarities of his whole education, modified, restrained and improved, as it was, by a constant moral and religious home training.

On his return to Pennsylvania in 1825, our subject's father selected for his profession that of law, and in January, 1826, entered the office of Amos Ellmaker, of Lancaster, where he continued his studies for two years and a-half. In the summer of 1828 he entered the law school of Yale University, where he remained one year. Admitted to the Bar in the autumn of 1829, he soon afterward commenced the practice of law at Lancaster. He soon gained considerable prominence in his district, and in 1831 was elected to the State Legislature, where, owing to the fact that his party was greatly in the minority, he was not chosen upon any important committees. However, when the

party became successful through the election of Joseph Ritner to the office of Governor, in 1835, Mr. Burrowes, as a recognition of his valued political services, was appointed Secretary of the Commonwealth, the chief office in the gift of the Executive. In December, 1835, he entered upon the discharge of the duties of this position. At this point began his first connection with the educational interests of the state, with which his name is now inseparably associated. At that time the common school system had just been introduced, but educational matters were in a chaotic condition, and a deplorable lack of system was greatly injuring the cause of the public schools. The school law enacted in 1834, he found inadequate and practically inoperative, and it was necessary that there should be immediate improvement. He drafted another law, which, as revised by himself, was passed by the Legislature in 1836, and continued in operation until 1849.

A change in administration was followed by the retirement of Mr. Burrowes to private life. On his return to Lancaster, he settled upon a farm and devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1845 he resumed his legal practice at Lancaster. About that time he published in the Lancaster *Intelligencer* a series of articles pointing out the defects of the school system, and urging the appointment of County Superintendents. For a number of years he served as Director of the city schools of Lancaster, a position in which he rendered valuable service. In 1847 he published "The State Book of Pennsylvania," which was afterward used in the schools of the state. In 1852 the Lancaster County Educational Association passed a resolution recommending the publication of a paper in the interests of the schools of the state. The plan was carried out, the *Pennsylvania School Journal* was founded, and Mr. Burrowes became its editor, continuing in that capacity until shortly before his death. In 1855, responding to the request of the State Superintendent and other officers, he published the *Pennsylvania School Architecture*.

In 1858 Dr. Burrowes (for by this title he was usually called) was chosen Mayor of Lancaster, but two years later was promoted from city to

state office, being elected in 1860 State Superintendent of Common Schools. During his three years' incumbency of the office he was instrumental in still further advancing the cause of education and contributing to the progress of the schools. It was, however, a time of great national distress, and the good he might have accomplished in time of peace, was rendered impossible by the disturbed condition of the entire country. In 1865 he became Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphans, and while thus engaged organized and placed upon a working basis the system of schools for orphans of the war heroes. In 1869 he was elected President of the State Agricultural College, and was the incumbent of that office when called from earth, February 25, 1871. His remains lie in the churchyard of St. James' Episcopal Church of Lancaster, near the home so dear to him and in the shadow of the house of worship whither he had so often come.

Many were the tributes paid to the memory of Dr. Burrowes. Friends from all parts of the country, realizing the debt of gratitude they owed to him, delighted to recall the grandeur of his life, the loftiness of his intellect and the strength of his character. During the annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association held at Williamsport, in July, 1871, memorial services were held in honor of him, and the following resolutions were adopted:

"WHEREAS, Since the last meeting of this Association it has pleased Divine Providence to remove by death Hon. Thomas H. Burrowes, LL. D., one of the earliest friends and warmest advocates of our common school system; therefore

"Resolved, That the death of Dr. Burrowes is to us a source of profound sorrow.

"Resolved, That as a man, as a citizen, and as an educator, the deceased deserved well of his fellowmen.

"Resolved, That in a special manner, as a body of teachers we recognize the following as among the great services of the cause of education: The practical organization of our common-school system, as its head in 1836, '37 and '38, and the putting of it into full and successful operation; starting the *School Journal*, and editing it nearly nineteen years; valuable assistance in founding this Asso-

ciation in 1852, and in promoting its interests in subsequent years; framing the normal school law in 1857; three years of educational work as State Superintendent of common schools from 1860 to 1863; and carrying into effect the plan for the establishment of a system of schools for the education and maintenance of the destitute children of soldiers and sailors, orphaned by the War of the Rebellion, and supervising for three years the schools thus established.

"Resolved, That we pledge our active co-operation in any effort that may be made by those more intimately connected with the deceased, to express in some suitable way our gratitude for services rendered by him to the cause of popular education, and to perpetuate the memory of his good deeds."

The lady who for many years was the devoted helpmate of Dr. Burrowes, bore the maiden name of Salome Jane Carpenter; she was born in Lancaster, and died in this city in 1888. Her father, Dr. John Carpenter, was a son of Abraham, a native of Lancaster County, whose father had come hither from Delaware. To Dr. and Mrs. Burrowes fifteen children were born, of whom our subject is the eighth. One of his brothers, Maj. Thomas B., was in the United States service for twenty-seven years, and served through the late war as a member of the Ninth United States Infantry, being wounded at Jonesboro. The other brothers are, Isaac, who served in the One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Infantry during the late war, and is now engaged in gold mining in New Mexico; Frank, a United States engineer, stationed at Cleveland, Ohio, and John C., who is commissary agent for the Pullman Palace Car Company, with headquarters in Chicago and New York.

The subject of this sketch was born in Lancaster, September 8, 1849, and attended the high school of this city, from which he was graduated in 1866. He then entered the Polytechnic College at Philadelphia, where he took a mechanical and civil engineering course until within five months of graduation. He then accepted a position as assistant in a flour mill in Wilkes Barre, Pa., where he remained two years. He then became Superintendent of Oliver's Powder Mill, which had a capacity of ten kegs a day, and was comparatively

new. When he left in 1887, the works had been enlarged so that they had a capacity of one thousand kegs per day. For one year he was with a powder mill company in New York City, and from there returned to Lancaster, where he has since been Superintendent of the Penn Iron Works. In Dixon, Ill., he married Miss Mary Dimock, a native of that city, and an estimable lady, who, with her husband, holds membership in St. James' Episcopal Church. While not active in politics, Mr. Burrowes is thoroughly posted concerning the great questions of the age, and uniformly supports the principles of the Republican party. He is a liberal spirited citizen, staunch in his advocacy of aggressive measures and a warm supporter of enterprises calculated to benefit the people. In social and business circles he is highly esteemed, and among the citizens of Lancaster occupies an influential position.



**H**ENRY NEFF KEHLER, well and favorably known among the residents of Columbia, has spent his entire life in Lancaster County, and was born upon the farm where he now resides in West Hempfield Township, the date of his birth being the 17th of April, 1821. The family originated in Switzerland but has been represented in the United States for several generations. Our subject's paternal grandfather, Joshua Kehler, was born in the village of Strasburg, Lancaster County, and there remained until his death in the prime of manhood. His trade was that of a carpenter. In his family there were three children: Philip, a carpenter who lived in Ohio; a daughter, Mrs. Myers, who resided in Illinois; and Joshua, father of our subject.

The last named was born in Strasburg, Pa., October 15, 1782, and in early life engaged in distilling, but later became proprietor of a hotel. In 1814 he purchased one hundred and thirty-five acres on the Columbia and Lancaster Pike, one

and one-half miles from Columbia. Settling upon that place he continued to make it his home until his death, at the age of sixty-nine years, November 22, 1850. Though usually voting the Democratic ticket he was inclined to be liberal in his suffrage, giving his support to the man rather than the party. In religious belief he was a member of the Mennonite Church.

The marriage of Joshua Kehler and Anna Neff was blessed by six children, five daughters and one son. Maria, the eldest, married Samuel Caldwell, a lumberman of Williamsport, Lycoming County. Both are deceased. Ann and Elizabeth never married. Matilda first married Dr. Clarkson, and after his death became the wife of James Marshall, one of the most extensive iron merchants of Pittsburg and the founder of the Farmers' Deposit Bank, now the Farmers' National Bank, of which he was President to the time of his death; he was a brother of Tom Marshall, who was one of the greatest commercial lawyers of the state. Sarah, the youngest daughter, married B. Frank Spangler, a business man of Columbia, Pa. The mother of this family was born March 15, 1789, and died January 19, 1874, at the age of eighty-five years.

In the subscription schools of West Hempfield Township our subject received a practical education that fitted him for a successful business career. His school days ended when he was sixteen, but he has always been a thoughtful student of the great issues of the age, and few men are better posted upon current events than is he. After the death of his father he took charge of the farm, and here he still resides. He also owns a farm occupied by a tenant. In his possession is a valued heirloom. He has the original Penn deeds for two hundred and seventy acres taken up by William Penn. He has been interested in the private banking business at Columbia, and for thirty years has been Director in the Columbia National Bank. Politically he is a Republican. In religious belief a Presbyterian, he is serving as Trustee of the church at Columbia.

February 23, 1871, Mr. Kehler married Kate Stewart, daughter of John Hunter Knox, who was born March 5, 1815, and died February 28, 1862.



He was a well educated man, a graduate of Dickinson College and a civil engineer by occupation. For many years he resided in Lycoming County, Pa. During the late war he enlisted in Company D, Eleventh Pennsylvania Infantry, of which he was Captain until his death. His three sons, John Moran, Robert S. and James Ruggles, served in the Union army during the Rebellion.

The grandfather of Mrs. Kehler, John Knox, emigrated from County Antrim, Ireland, in 1790, and with his parents located in Maryland near the city of Emmitsburg. He became a man of prominence in his community, and conducted successfully many large enterprises, being principally engaged in farming and milling. During the most of his life he resided on Jersey Shore, Pa. Notwithstanding the fact that he was so near the headquarters of the Confederacy, he remained loyal to the Union and was a staunch Abolitionist and a firm Republican as long as he lived. He was connected with the under-ground railroad scheme, and any plan that had for its object the freedom of the slaves received his warm support. He married Catherine Stewart, of Jersey Shore, and they reared three sons, Robert, Charles and John H., and one daughter, Mrs. Jane Russell, the latter being the only survivor of the family.

For many years Grandfather Knox followed the trade of a millwright at West Branch, and about the close of the last century he built the first grist mill on Pine Creek, where he was extensively engaged in lumbering and milling. During almost his entire life he resided with his wife a short distance from the mouth of Lany's Creek, where his death occurred October 18, 1854, at the age of eighty-four years. He was a man of robust physique and powerful frame. Positive opinions upon all subjects characterized him. He was a man of great piety and for many years took an active part in the Methodist Church, of which he was a devoted member.

The great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Kehler was Charles Stewart, Sr., who was born in 1743 near the town of Letterkenny, County Donegal, Ireland, and when nineteen years of age he came from that country to his uncle's, Samuel Hunton, where he married the daughter, Elizabeth. He engaged

in milling in Dauphin County near Harrisburg. From there he removed to Cumberland County, where he purchased property in the "New Purchase" and afterward bought seven hundred and fourteen acres in the Nippeusa bottom in Lycoming County. The only son of Mr. and Mrs. Kehler is Henry Neff, who was born May 3, 1874. He is at present (1894) a sophomore in Princeton College.



**J**OHAN F. STAUFFER. This prominent resident of Lancaster occupies the responsible position of Street Commissioner, to which office he was elected April 1, 1894. Prior to that time, however, he was a successful railroad contractor and built many of the roads running through the county.

Our subject was born in Penn Township, this county, August 6, 1845, and is the son of Benjamin M. Stauffer, a native of the same place. His grandfather, who bore the name of John, was born in Donegal Township, this county, and was a miller by trade. He operated many of the mills in this and adjoining counties. The great-grandfather of our subject, Johannus Stauffer, came from Switzerland in 1790, and soon afterward built the large stone mill at White Oak, Penn Township, which he operated until his decease, when the property fell to John Stauffer.

The father of our subject assumed control of the mill when a young man of twenty-one years, and during the time from 1856 to 1859 was elected Register of Lancaster County on the Republican ticket. After disposing of the property, he purchased a farm near Mt. Joy, which he cultivated for four years, and in 1863 bought the old Bossler Mill, near Manheim, on Chickies Creek, which he conducted for some time, and in 1868 sold out and returned to Mt. Joy. He is still living, and has attained the advanced age of seventy-five years.

The mother of our subject, who prior to her marriage was Miss Sophia, daughter of John For-

ney, was born in Earl Township, this county. She was cousin to John W. Forney, the proprietor of the Philadelphia *Press*. Grandfather Forney was keeper of the inn known as Forney's Tavern, on the Reading road, where he lived for many years. Mrs. Stauffer departed this life in 1884, leaving two children. The brother of our subject, Benjamin, is a member of the Board of Trade in Chicago.

The subject of this sketch was reared in his native township and was educated at the John Beck School at Lititz. When old enough he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a miller, working under Gabriel Bear. Later he and his brother operated the Bossler Mill, for two years and thens old out, our subject returning to private life, and for several years was not engaged in any business.

In 1872 Mr. Stauffer came to Lancaster, and taking up railroad work, has contracted for many roads, and also engaged extensively in sewer building. His first work was for the Pennsylvania Railroad, building a double track from Middletown to Steelton, and later received the contract to lay the double track for the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad Company from Swathmore to Media. His next enterprise was building a road for the Caledonia Mining Company between Mt. Alto Junction and the Mountain's point, ten miles, filling in some places forty-three feet in depth, which contract he completed in eleven months. Mr. Stauffer was the builder of five miles of road for the Baltimore & Eastern Shore Railroad Company, lying between Easton and St. Michael's, Md.

In 1893 our subject built the Marietta Water Works. He constructed a reservoir in York County, and laid a twelve-inch main across the Susquehanna River from York to Lancaster County. Mr. Stauffer was married in this city, in the Trinity Lutheran Church, November 25, 1868, to Miss Clara S., youngest daughter of John Fondersmith, a prominent citizen of Lancaster. By her union with our subject there have been born two children, Charles F., a contractor of Philadelphia; and B. Grant, of this city.

April 1, 1894, our subject was elected Street Commissioner, and assumed the duties of the position soon thereafter. Mr. Stauffer built the sec-

ond street railway in the city, from Duke Street to the terminus, a distance of one and one-third miles, in twenty days. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum of high standing, and in religious affairs belongs to the Trinity Lutheran Church, of which he was Warden for three years. In politics he is a stalwart Republican.



**M**AJ. JOSEPH WARREN YOCUM is the editor of the *Columbia Daily and Weekly Spy*, published in Columbia, Lancaster County. This journal was established in 1816 and is one of the oldest in the county. Mr. Yocum became its owner in 1869, it then being a daily and weekly paper known as the *Columbia Spy*. When our subject became the purchaser the daily edition was abandoned for a time, but it was resumed in 1893 and has since been regularly issued. The *Columbia Daily Spy* has exercised great influence over the people of this locality during much of county's history, and of late years particularly has merited the success it has attained, both in popularity and financially. Mr. Yocum is a well educated and widely informed gentleman, who is amply fitted by nature and experience to carry on a paper of this kind, and as he is greatly devoted to the prosperity and development of Columbia and the surrounding country, he is highly esteemed as one of the promoters of local prosperity. He has been prominent in many of the leading industries of the place, and among others we mention the following: The Columbia Iron Company, of which he is Secretary, Treasurer, and a member of the Board of Directors; the Grey Iron Company, of which he is President; and the Columbia Fire Company, of which he is Treasurer and which is the oldest company in the place. As a soldier during the Civil War Major Yocum is also entitled to honor and credit, as he saw hard service

and sustained wounds while defending the cause of liberty.

The father of our subject was William Yocum, who was of Swedish ancestry. The original founder of the family in America settled in this state during the last century, and the paternal grandfather was born at Swedeland, Montgomery County. They were farmers, politically were Whigs, and in religion were identified with the Reformed Church. William Yocum was one of seven children, six sons and a daughter. He received a district school education in Montgomery County. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and resided for some years at the Trappe, in the same county, this being an old Lutheran and Reformed settlement. William Yocum married Sarah Rimby and they had two children: Annie Maria, who married Jesse H. Peterman, and Joseph W., our subject. The father died December 5, 1892; his wife is still living.

The birth of our subject occurred at the Trappe in Montgomery County, June 27, 1843. He received his elementary education in the public schools of that locality and later pursued his studies at Washington Hall Boarding School. In 1868 he was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College with honors, and then read law with Hon. J. B. Livingston, presiding Judge of Lancaster County. In 1868 he was admitted to the Bar and remained in the office of his tutor for about one year. In 1869 he became the owner of the paper which he has since conducted, as previously stated, and to its publication he has since devoted his energies. He is an ardent Republican, having cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1865, under a bomb proof tent in front of Petersburg, Va., serving as Judge of the election. He has held a number of local offices and has served as a delegate to Republican state conventions a number of times.

In June, 1862, J. W. Yocum enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Sixteenth Pennsylvania Regiment, and served in General Meagher's Irish Brigade, Hancock's Division of the Second Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. He rose from the ranks, being promoted to the position of First Sergeant, afterwards to Second Lieutenant, then

First Lieutenant and finally was made Captain of Company I, of the same regiment and brevetted Major by President Lincoln. He took part in all of the engagements of the Army of the Potomac from Antietam to the battle of Petersburg. At the battle of the Wilderness he received a slight wound and near Petersburg was struck in the left arm by a minie ball, which necessitated his retirement from the field. At the end of three years' service he was discharged, May 26, 1865, at the Annapolis Hospital, his dismissal being on account of the effects of wounds received. During the Petersburg campaign he was Aide-de-camp on the staff of General Ramsey, commanding the brigade.

On the 1st of January, 1872, occurred the marriage of our subject to Miss Annie E. Herr. They have had two children: Katie, who died in infancy, and Howard H., who is attending Princeton College. Fraternally Mr. Yocum belongs to Columbia Lodge No. 286, F. & A. M., of which he is Past Master, and is Treasurer and Past High Priest of Columbia Chapter No. 224, R. A. M. Moreover he is a member of General Welsh Post, No. 118, G. A. R., which he has served as Commander-Adjutant and Quartermaster. As an Odd Fellow he is identified with Susquehanna Lodge No. 80, and is connected with Columbia Assembly No. 20, Artisans Mutual Protection. For eighteen years Mr. Yocum has been a member of the Board of Trustees and has served as Superintendent of the Sunday-school of the Presbyterian Church of this place.



**B**YRON J. REEMSNYDER, M. D., skillful physician and surgeon of Hinkletown, was born near Akron, this state, July 23, 1853, and is the son of Henry and Mary Jane (Gray) Reemsnyder. The family in America was founded by Samuel Reemsnyder, the grandfather of our subject, who came from Germany in an early day and located first in Philadelphia, where he followed his trade of cabinet-maker for a time. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

The grandfather of our subject was married in

this county, and became the father of a large family. He became prominent and wealthy, and died in 1854, firm in the faith of the Lutheran Church. In politics he was a strong Democrat. Dr. Henry Reemsnyder, father of our subject, was born in Earlville, this county, and when beginning his medical studies, entered the office of Dr. Weidler, of Mechanicsburg, after which he entered the Pennsylvania Medical College. He established for practice in the city of Lancaster, where he also owned a drug store. After a residence there of two years he went to Bareville, where he spent another two years, and on the expiration of that time moved to Akron, this state, where his death occurred in 1877, aged fifty-two years. He was successful as a physician, and was in the enjoyment of a lucrative practice. He belonged to the Lancaster County Medical Society, and socially was a member of the Masonic order of Reading. He was active in politics, voting with the Democratic party, and was the recipient of many positions of honor and trust. The Reformed Church found in him one of its most valued members and cheerful givers.

In 1862, during the late war, Dr. Reemsnyder organized Company F, Ninth Pennsylvania Cavalry, of which he was commissioned Lieutenant, which position he shortly afterward resigned in order to accept the Captaincy of another company. He was in active service for eighteen months, and was honorably discharged on account of physical disability.

The mother of our subject was the daughter of Henry Gray, a farmer of Akron Township, and by her union with Dr. Reemsnyder she became the mother of four sons and two daughters, of whom our subject was the eldest. His brothers and sisters were, Charles, a manufacturer of cigars in Philadelphia; Jennie, the wife of Isaac C. Netzley, of Lock Haven, this state; Henry G., M. D., engaged in practice in Ephrata, this state; Edward S., residing in Akron, this county, and Annie, who died young. The wife and mother is now in the sixtieth year of her age, and is a devoted member of the Reformed Church.

The original of this sketch was given a good education in the common schools, and when seventeen years of age began the study of medicine

under the instruction of his honored father. In 1873 he entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine the following year. He remained practicing with his father for one year thereafter, and in 1875, we find him located in Hinkletown, where he has resided ever since. He soon won an enviable reputation as a practitioner of the healing art, and now commands a large and lucrative practice. He is a member of the Reformed Church, and like his father before him, votes with the Democratic party.

The lady to whom Dr. Reemsnyder was married in 1877 was Miss Alice A., daughter of R. N. Winter, of this place. To them was born a daughter, Anna. Mrs. Reemsnyder died May 30, 1882, and two years later the Doctor chose as his second companion Miss Mary M., sister of his former wife, by whom he has become the father of two children, Mary and Charles.



**J**USTUS BARD is extensively engaged in raising leaf tobacco on a tract of land in Upper Leacock Township. In 1883 he purchased a farm near the old homestead and devoted his time and attention to raising garden stuffs. In 1893, however, he added tobacco raising, and now gives the cultivation of that plant almost his entire time.

Our subject is the son of Samuel and Leah (Stuck) Bard, and was born in the old Bard homestead, five miles east of Lancaster, July 15, 1856. He was reared on the farm, and received his primary education in the common schools, after which he attended the Millersville State Normal. When ready to establish in life on his own account, as before stated, he purchased land near his father's estate, which he farmed on a small scale until branching out in his present enterprise.

In May, 1889, Mr. Bard was appointed Justice of the Peace on the Republican ticket, and has





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given much of his time to aid in the furtherance of the principles of that party. February 1, 1883, the original of this sketch was married to Miss F. Alice, daughter of Joel Miller, who is engaged as a general merchant at Witmer, this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Bard there have been born two children: Charles Miller, born August 11, 1883, and Mary Hess, whose birth occurred May 22, 1890.

Joel Miller, the father of Mrs. Bard, was born in Witmer, February 25, 1825, and after obtaining a fair education in the schools of the neighborhood, learned the trade of a shoemaker. He followed this for a time, and then engaged in business in his native place as a general merchant. He carried a large stock of goods and in his community is very popular. He is a devoted member of the Methodist Church, to which body he gives liberal support, and is known as a strong exponent of its teachings.

In 1866 Joel Miller married Miss Mary Hess, by whom he became the father of six children: Alice, Mrs. Bard; Lizzie, who is the wife of Harry Eshman; William, who married Miss Esther Sides; Anna, who married Harry Bush; Edward G. and Howard. In politics Mr. Miller is a staunch Republican and stands loyally by his party.



**R**OBERT KOCH BUEHRLE, A. M., PH. D., recognized as a very able educator, is Superintendent of the Lancaster public schools, and during the time that has elapsed since he became connected with them, they have made great advances in every direction. The city is certainly very fortunate in having so capable and practical a man in charge of its system of instruction, for he has wide experience and is peculiarly adapted for the position.

Superintendent Buehrle was born in Ueberlingen, Baden, Germany, September 24, 1840. His father, whose Christian name was Joseph, was for six years in the German army; afterward for six years in the

Government service as guardsman on the frontier, and promoted thence for meritorious services, he was for three years Internal Revenue Collector and Assessor in his native place, Kappel, am-Rhine. In 1844 he came to America, and two years later was followed by his family. By trade a linen weaver, but not finding the business congenial, he became a boatman on the Lehigh Canal about 1848, running from Mauch Chunk and points above to Philadelphia and New York. He owned his boat, of which he was master, being assisted by his two sons, the subject of this sketch and his elder brother. For eleven years he followed this occupation; his home having previously been at Mauch Chunk and South Easton, was now transferred to Tinicum Township, Bucks County. On his farm in the latter place he settled about 1848, and on leaving boating in 1858, retired, engaging in agriculture to some extent until his death in 1877, when in his seventy-fourth year. A man of universally admitted probity of character, he was well read and well informed, and an intense hater of despotism. He strove with those who unsuccessfully attempted to secure the freedom and unity of Germany in the Revolution of 1848, which object was, however, largely achieved in 1870. In religion he was a Free Thinker, though a great admirer of Martin Luther. After coming to America, he voted with the Democrats until that party became distinctively pro-slavery, when, in 1860 he became and continued to be a consistent Republican and an anti-slavery man. His wife, whose maiden name was Joanna Koch, was born in Baden, Germany. She became the mother of five children, and passed from this life in 1886 near the old home, when in her eightieth year.

Superintendent Buehrle was reared in Bucks County, and at the age of eight years started on the tow path of the canal. Later he became the right-hand man of his father, with whom he remained boating on the canal until 1858. During this time his schooling was limited to a winter term of about two months each year. In the fall of 1858, he literally stepped from the canal-boat to the teacher's platform, teaching in the winter for the next two years, and in the summer pursuing his studies with great zeal while attending the Bucks County

Normal and Classical School at Quakertown, preparing for college. The following two years he was engaged in teaching near Allentown, Lehigh County, after which for a short time he took charge of Weaversville Academy. In the fall of 1863 he became clerk in the motive-power department of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pittsburg. When two years had expired he returned to his former occupation, having been elected Principal of the Allentown High School, of which he remained in charge until 1868, when he was promoted to be the first City Superintendent of Allentown. Under his supervision the schools became widely known for their complete and effective organization, and he was successively re-elected until 1878, when he resigned. He was frequently consulted by the Board of Directors on important matters relating to the school system, and his influence in the educational affairs of the place was felt long after his departure. In 1878 he became Superintendent of the Reading Schools, continuing as such for two years, when he accepted a call from Lancaster as the first City Superintendent of Schools.

Since becoming connected with the Lancaster schools, Doctor Buehrle has been a power for progress in the educational affairs of the place. In 1878 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts, and in 1886 it also bestowed upon him that of Doctor of Philosophy. Under his jurisdiction are ninety-six teachers, who preside over the different departments of fifteen school buildings. In the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association Superintendent Buehrle has taken an active and influential part, and he has also been for many years a member of the National Educational Association. He has been especially prominent in the formation of the City and Borough Superintendents' Association of Pennsylvania, which was organized at Lancaster in January, 1888. He was its first President and was again elected to that position in 1893. A close student and an excellent writer, he has frequently contributed to leading journals, and is the author of "Grammatical Praxis," published in 1877, and "Practical Exercises in Arithmetic," published in 1886. As a linguist he is a man of

no small ability, being conversant with the Latin, Greek, French and German languages. During recent revisions of Webster's and Murray's English Dictionaries, he was called upon to contribute material; and he has also assisted in the preparation of the History of Pennsylvania by William H. Egle.

In early life, he married Anna Maria Lazarus, who was born in Lehigh County, where her father, Jacob Lazarus, was a farmer. The home of Superintendent Buehrle and his estimable wife, at No. 408 Manor Street, is a double house, and was erected by the owner. He also owns four residences elsewhere in the city. Since 1858 our subject has been identified with Sunday-school work and has been Superintendent of Christ Lutheran Sunday-school of this city for thirteen years. He is a charter member of the Pennsylvania German Society, and is a Mason, Pastmaster of Barger Lodge, of Allentown, and a member of Chapter No. 43, R. A. M., of Lancaster. Politically a Republican, Superintendent Buehrle believes in civil service reform.



JOHN PIERSOL McCASKEY, A. M., Ph. D., is a man widely known in Pennsylvania as publisher for many years of the *Pennsylvania School Journal*, which goes monthly into each of the nearly twenty-five hundred school districts in this great state. He is also favorably known throughout the United States wherever the Franklin Square Song Collection is found and enjoyed. This very popular series of books of familiar and favorite songs, which combines upon a unique plan much reading matter with the music of the songs, and of which a quarter of a million copies have been sold, at present comprises eight numbers, with the ninth in preparation. It is issued by Harper & Bros., of New York, who find a large sale for it in Canada as well as in the United States. He finds delight in the best literature, and is an enthusiast in his enjoyment of music



and the drama. Lancaster is not far from Philadelphia (the night is as good for quick transit as the day) and for thirty years he has kept close watch upon the Philadelphia newspapers for art, music and the drama, as advertised in that great city. During that time he has seen and heard nearly all the great singers and actors in their leading roles, some of them dozens of times, the great orchestras and soloists on instruments, concert and opera, and the best dramatic representations the age affords. This he esteems a large part of his "university training," and upon it he has spent thousands of dollars, as he says, "with a big return on the investment."

Mr. McCaskey was born on a farm near Gordonville, Lancaster County, October 9, 1837, and congratulates himself that he had a mother who sang as the birds do, because she couldn't help it, and that she taught him to read at a very early age. His parents were fortunately ignorant of all modern theories of delay in this regard. He attended the country schools until ten years of age, read in the Testament class, kept a "setting-down book," learned Comly's speller under pressure so as to be "up" in the spelling classes and matches, ciphered in Pike's arithmetic, with all the rest carried his goose quill to the master to be mended, and looks back to that happy time in the old Zook schoolhouse by the cross roads, in the shade of the woods, as a blessed experience of childhood life in the country, for loss of which at the impressionable age no life in a city could make amends.

At eleven years of age he left home for Oak Hill Academy, "saturated with the Bible," as he gratefully expressed it. He had access up to this to but four or five books, which were Pilgrim's Progress, Fox's Book of Martyrs, Lives of the Reformers, a Descriptive Geography of the World, and the Bible. The first named were for occasional reading, but the Bible was for well nigh every day in the week and a large part of Sunday, so that he could not fail to become very familiar with the doings of the men and women, good and bad, with its biography, its history, its poetry; to be deeply impressed with the thought of God and the angels, and the life to come; and above all to be attracted by a story of a just man, "real, above all things

and shadowy above all things," who lived and died at Palestine. This childhood experience of the Bible, under a good mother's constant care and guidance, he regards the best education he has ever had, and he "would not exchange it for the best university course in the world," excellent as that may be, for out of this has come what he regards the best good in life. What far-reaching work he has done in music, affording pleasure and profit to tens of thousands, he says, must all be credited to the hymns and ballads of his mother, whose voice yet rings sweet and clear through the sunny air of a happy childhood.

Three main lines of work which he has carried on for many years, and regards important, are the following:

First—That in the Boys' High School, which is local to Lancaster and perhaps of least importance. After nearly six years in the schools of the city, four of which were spent in the high school, he became, in 1855, an assistant teacher under Prof. William Van Lear Davis. In 1857 he left school for a year, during which, in the office of the Lancaster *Evening Express*, he acquired such knowledge of the printer's craft as was afterward of great value, when, in 1866, he undertook in addition to his ordinary work the business management of the *School Journal*, then published by Dr. Thomas H. Burrows. In 1858 he returned to the school, becoming Principal in 1865, and retaining that position to the present time (1894). He has never been a machine teacher, and his "morning talks" are recalled by hundreds of boys, now grown to manhood, as among the most valuable experiences of their school life. Believing in Arbor Day, he has had the school, for each of the twenty or more Arbor Days, plant more trees than there have been boys enrolled. Believing in music, he has had it introduced by the school authorities, and for many years the high school has given concert programs that it is a privilege to bear. The high school orchestra is also a unique feature of the educational work of the school and the city, nearly half the pupils enrolled being under instruction on orchestral instruments. He has continued to teach year after year, though tempting offers in other fields have come to him, feeling himself called to this great

work, and not at liberty to turn aside while strength remains for it.

Second—The general editorial and business management of the *Pennsylvania School Journal*. The monthly edition of this influential periodical, which is the official organ of the State Department of Public Instruction in Pennsylvania, averages from six to seven thousand copies. Its circulation is largely confined to the state, its School Superintendents, Teachers, and School Directors, though it is sent to all State Superintendents of Public Instruction in the United States, and to many other centers of educational influence abroad. This free list, that its influence may be extended as widely as possible, has for a long time been several hundred copies. "A man lives but once," and Dr. McCaskey holds it a wise policy, as he moves through life to scatter seed generously, sowing beside all waters. He was associated upon *The Journal* with Dr. Burrowes, its founder, in 1866, though the place had been offered to him the year before upon condition that he should leave the school to accept it. He was unwilling to abandon what by that time he had come to regard his life work, and a year later, as has been said, Dr. Burrowes sent for him, saying that he "would take him on his own terms." In 1870 *The Journal* was bought from Dr. Burrowes, who had taken the Presidency of the Pennsylvania Agricultural College, by Dr. J. P. Wickersham, then State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Dr. J. P. McCaskey, and was published by them as equal partners until 1881, when Dr. McCaskey purchased the interest of Dr. Wickersham, and Dr. E. E. Higbee, the newly appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction, became editor. He died in 1889, and was succeeded by Dr. D. J. Waller; and he in turn, in 1893, by Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, the present State Superintendent and editor-in-chief of *The Journal*. Of educational periodicals this is one of the two oldest of the country, the other being the *Ohio Educational Monthly*, the initial number of each bearing date January, 1852. Of state educational journals, it has been, beyond question, for forty years the most influential in the United States. Within that time the school system of Pennsylvania has had its practical development. *The Journal* being

all the while the able and earnest advocate of popular education, has pioneered many of the measures which now give character and permanent value to that system, conceded to be one of the best in the world. There have been many newspapers in the state that have filled a larger space in the eye of the public, but we know of none to equal this modest journal in its broad field, in its quiet, constant, intelligent work at the foundations and upon the superstructure of a grand and ever-growing system of education, which in part under its moulding influence has taken and is taking shape and character that must endure for hundreds of years.

Third—The publication of the Franklin Square Song Collection and numerous other compilations of music. This work was begun a quarter of a century ago with the Pennsylvania Song Collection, and the annual issues of compilations of music for use of schools and institutes. As has been said, eight numbers of the Franklin Square Collection, each comprising two hundred favorite songs and hymns, with much appropriate literary matter, have been published, and the ninth is now nearly ready for the press. These books are very favorably known wherever the publications of this great house of Harper & Bros. are found, and they have given lasting pleasure to untold thousands. Two or three years ago he issued, through Messrs. Harper & Bros., a beautiful book of three hundred and twenty pages entitled "Christmas in Song and Story," which the *Episcopal Recorder*, a very good authority, pronounces "a perfect encyclopedia of Christmas Songs." Dr. J. Max Hark, writing of it in *Christian Culture*, says: "A precious collection, indeed, of old and new. Where can another such garner be found, so rare, so choice, and so full? There are twenty-two full-page illustrations, which range all the way from Raphael and Murillo to Nast and Gibson. All are on Christmas subjects; nearly all are reproduced from works of art that are immortal. When we examine the 'Sketch and Story' in the book we come to what, I think, is to us all a new revelation of Dr. McCaskey's versatility; we are almost surprised at the faultlessness of literary taste and judgment displayed. We knew him to

be a musical critic. We were familiar with his artistic sense. But we were scarcely prepared to find him possessed of an equally consummate taste and discriminating judgment in the very difficult field of literary selection. It is not too much to say of the seven long selections from the great mass of extant Christmas literature, which he gives in this volume, that no seven better selections could have been made. They are the very cream of the cream of our literature on that subject, taking contents, purpose and form into consideration. To have these seven crown jewels brought together into one diadem is alone worth more than is asked for the entire work, to say nothing of the rich setting, musical and pictorial, to which we have before referred." To few men is the privilege granted of doing such work for their kind, and, in the thought of its happy influence, Dr. McCaskey, who finds rare gladness in almost everything in his busy life, enjoys this music work most and best of all.

Dr. McCaskey has been Secretary of the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association since 1865. He has been Treasurer of the Teachers' Institute of Lancaster County for nearly thirty years, and has, we think, been present at every meeting of this large body of teachers since its organization in 1853. He has frequently been urged to permit the use of his name for City and County Superintendent, and for other more prominent and lucrative positions than the Principalship of the Lancaster High School. But he has never been a candidate for any higher position or for any that will take him out of Lancaster, having no ambition for higher place, though for more than twenty-five years his salary in no single year amounted to \$1,000. It is now \$1,200. He was working on other lines and was content with low wages in this, since it gave him the life he desired in the school room, of six hours per day. That life has been the great thing to him, not the salary paid for service rendered.

Our subject is a member of St. James' Episcopal Church and has been a member of its vestry since 1869. He was one of the original stockholders of the *Inquirer* Printing Company and was for ten or twelve years Secretary of the company. He was

for some ten years the Secretary of the Lancaster Watch Company, and met with heavy loss in the failure of that great enterprise, being the third largest stockholder. He was for some years a member of the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association in Lancaster until the pressure of duty in other directions compelled his withdrawal, though the work will always have his hearty sympathy and generous support. While connected with the association he organized and conducted a large evening class for the study of astronomy, known as the "Star Club," before which he had lectures delivered in Fulton Opera House by Prof. Richard A. Proctor, the noted English astronomer, and Bishop Henry W. Warren, author of "Recreations in Astronomy." The proceedings of this club from week to week were so widely published in the local press and through the *Pennsylvania School Journal* as to awaken an unusual popular interest in this grandest of all sciences and to cause its introduction into many schools of the state.

Dr. McCaskey was honored with the degree of Master of Arts by Franklin and Marshall College, and some years afterward with that of Doctor of Philosophy by the same institution of liberal learning. Each came to him as a quick surprise. He had never thought of either, and says that while he has done little to merit these degrees he appreciates the courtesy which awarded them, and is grateful for the personal kindness which prompted the authorities by whom they were bestowed. On the death of Dr. E. E. Higbee, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in 1889, he was appointed by the President of the State Teachers' Association to be Chairman of the Memorial Committee. With County Superintendent M. J. Brecht, also of Lancaster, he entered into the work with an energy and enthusiasm that knew no pause until such a memorial had been planned and completed as has no parallel in the history of the common school work in America. Ten thousand copies of a very remarkable memorial volume were distributed to teachers and superintendents throughout the state; twelve thousand copies of a life-size and life-like portrait were distributed to the normal schools and common schools and to the

offices of the superintendents; a bust in bronze of heroic size and a noble crayon head were placed in the Department of Public Instruction; and a massive block of granite of appropriate design at his grave will tell its story to the ages. This work he did in memoriam because he loved Dr. Higbee.

He comes of a strong ancestry. His father, William McCaskey, was a man of iron will, of Scotch-Irish descent, and of the Presbyterian faith, which was a family heritage. His grandfather, John McCaskey, was a freeholder near Blaney Castle, County Monaghan, in the North of Ireland, where the family name is still perpetuated through Presbyterian clergymen and others. His great-grandfather, William McCaskey, served in the British army in America during the Revolution, and his son John was accustomed to tell as one of the pleasantest recollections of his childhood, how with the delight of a child he had climbed up and sat on his father's knee on his return from the war in America. John emigrated to Pennsylvania about the year 1793, having been married to Margaret Gorman some two or three years before leaving Ireland. With him came three brothers, Hugh, William and James, all of whom some years later went farther west, and three brothers-in-law, who settled in Lancaster County. He was a farmer, and for many years did a large business in droving. He died at the age of seventy-six and is buried in the Leacock Church-yard, a mile west of Intercourse, one of the oldest Presbyterian Churches in Pennsylvania.

Dr. McCaskey's name has in full that of both his grandfathers. His mother, Margaret (Piersol) McCaskey, is the second daughter and third child of John Piersol and Catharine (Wilson) Piersol, comes of sturdy pioneer stock, the Davises and Piersols of Wales, Wilsons of England or of Scotch-Irish descent, the Eckerts of German-Switzerland, and others, and is descended on two lines, her father and mother having been second cousins, from Archibald Douglas, one of three sons of Lord Douglas, the lineal heir of that noted family, which fills so large a space for hundreds of years in the stirring history of Scotland. Her Great-grandfather Davis was a Captain in the

French and Indian War, and a member of the Committee of Safety in the War of Independence. Her father was Captain of a company of cavalry in the War of 1812. At the age of eighty-four, after a long life of unselfish devotion to homely duties and the care of others, always blessing and blessed, with hearing unimpaired, eye undimmed, and heart still young, her devoted son says of her that she deserves to be own sister to that "Douglas tender and true," of whom the old Scotch poet tells, and of whom also Dinah Maria Muloch has sung so lovingly as to catch the ear and win the heart of the world. She belonged, when a girl, to St. John's Episcopal Church at Compassville, one of the oldest Episcopal Churches in America. Here are buried Douglasses, Davises, Piersols, Wilsons, scores of her ancestors and more immediate relatives and friends.

William and Margaret McCaskey had seven children: John Piersol, the subject of our sketch; Joseph Barr, Catharine Wilson, William Spencer, Cyrus Davis, Margaret Salome, and James Newton, six of whom are still living. William S. is Captain in the Twentieth United States Infantry. He enlisted at the age of seventeen, within two or three days after the fall of Ft. Sumter, and served throughout the war, first as private in the First Pennsylvania Volunteers, then as Orderly-Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain in the Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania, taking part in some twenty-eight battles, from Chaplin Hills, Ky., in 1862, to Bentonville, N. C., in 1865. At the close of the war he was named by Hon. Thaddeus Stevens for appointment to a Lieutenancy in the regular army. He succeeded General Custer in command at Ft. Abraham Lincoln, when that dashing cavalry officer started on his fatal campaign against the Indians in the Big Horn Mountains. In all his varied army life his record is that of a most capable and efficient officer. He is now stationed at Ft. Leavenworth.

In 1860 Dr. McCaskey was married in Bath, N. Y., to Miss Ellen Margaret Chase, who was born in that place, and who is a lineal descendant of Rev. Everard and Anneke Jans Bogardus, both of Holland, the former of whom was the first teacher and first preacher in the Dutch settlement of New

Amsterdam, now New York. Their children are Edward William, Richard Douglas, John Sidney, Walter Bogardus, Helen Wilson, Donald Gilbert, and Elsa Piersol, two of whom, John and Helen, are deceased. Edward W. is a First Lieutenant in the Twenty-first United States Infantry, and is now on duty at the Pennsylvania State College, as Professor of Military Tactics, where there is one of the finest armories in Pennsylvania, and where he has a battalion of two hundred and fifty cadets, uniformed and equipped, and one of the best drilled military organizations in the state. The authorities of the college have requested a renewal of his detail by the War Department at Washington, on the ground of "special fitness and attention to duty." He is a young man of marked ability, as well as a very fine officer, interested in science, literature, art, music, no less than in the profession of arms. Graduating from the Lancaster High School in 1880, he entered West Point in 1882, from the Junior Class in Franklin and Marshall College, after competitive examination, and graduated there in 1886. He took the post-graduate course of two years at Ft. Leavenworth, after service at Ft. Du Chesne in Utah. Since that time he has been on duty at Ft. McKinney, in Wyoming Territory, Fts. Du Chesne and Douglas in Utah, and in the late Sioux Campaign. He was ordered to his present post in 1892. He was married within a week after his graduation from West Point, to Catharine Kennedy, of Lancaster, and they now have five children: Mary Ellen, John Piersol, Hugh Kennedy, Edward William and Catharine. Richard Douglas, the second son of Dr. McCaskey, a graduate of the high school, is also a graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery in Philadelphia, and is successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in this city. Walter Bogardus graduated from the Lancaster High School, afterward took a course of two years in the Pennsylvania School-ship "Saratoga," from which he graduated at the head of his class, taking the first prize for "general efficiency." He is now (1894) at the head of the Junior Class in Pennsylvania State College. At the close of his Sophomore year he took the highest prize in mathematics (calculus). He excels in all college work,

including music and gymnastics, and is the "born quarter back" of their famous college foot-ball team. Donald Gilbert graduated from the high school in the Class of '94.

In politics Dr. McCaskey has always been a Republican, casting his first vote for Andrew G. Curtin for Governor, and Abraham Lincoln for President, in 1860.



**J**MARTIN ECKMAN, an enterprising business man of Lancaster, has for the past four years been engaged in the manufacture of lime, and in disposing of this product, in which his sales are constantly increasing and are bringing in an ample income. In civic societies he is very prominent, and in 1894 had the high honor conferred upon him of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, in the Order of Knights of Malta. In other societies he has frequently served in an official capacity, and is also a leading Republican, being a member of the Citizens' Club and Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Eckman family is a very old one in Lancaster County, and the grandfather of our subject was a well-to-do farmer of Drumore Township, and in local politics was quite prominent, serving as Justice of the Peace for several years. He was very philanthropic and liberal in his support of benevolences and church work. By his marriage with a Miss Lafferty he had eight children, John W., James, Martha, Joseph, Washington, Sarah, Mary and Katie. Washington, the father of our subject, was born in Drumore Township, where he attended the district school. He became a distiller and later resorted to farming, having his home in Strasburg Township. He was a Whig and afterwards a Republican, and at one time was Captain of a militia company. In religion like his father he was a member of the Reformed Church, and was a man who was much esteemed by all who

knew him. His wife was formerly Magdalena Helm, and they had only one child, our subject. The father died when in his sixty third year, and his wife departed this life after attaining her seventy-sixth birthday.

The birth of J. Martin Eckman took place March 10, 1850, in Eden Township, of this county. Until about twenty years of age he attended the common schools and assisted his father in carrying on the homestead. For four years subsequently he worked for neighboring farmers, and afterwards was employed by the Philadelphia Stock Company for a period of six months. At this time he was married and located in Strasburg Township, making a business of market gardening and sending his farm products to the Lancaster markets. Next removing to Manheim Township, he worked for four years in the lime kilns, and was then employed by the Lancaster Piscatorial Company in building a pond, which, when it was completed, was placed in his charge. For a period of four years succeeding this he was engaged in the ice business for himself, and finally in 1890 commenced burning lime, and furnishes material for macademizing the streets. He regularly employs fifteen men and as many teams, and at times has found it necessary to have one hundred in his service. Thus it will be seen that he has succeeded admirably in his latest business venture, and though he has been so recently connected with the same, his trade has expanded remarkably.

Mr. Eckman belongs to Herschel Lodge No. 123, I. O. O. F.; Meridian Lodge No. 99, K. of M.; Lancaster Council No. 91, Jr. O. U. A. M.; Conestoga Council No. 8, Sr. O. U. A. M.; Lancaster Castle No. 68, K. of P.; Lancaster Castle No. 26, Order of the Mystic Chain, and is Master Workman in the lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. With his lodge of the Knights of Malta Mr. Eckman has served as Commander and also as Deputy, and at the convention which met at Lewisburg in 1894, was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of the state. He is third Noble Grand in the Odd Fellows' Lodge, and has been Priest and Chief Patriarch in Washington Encampment, and Past Grand of his lodge. At the present time he is representative of Lodge No.

912, Jr. O. U. A. M., in the Grand Council, and is Master Workman of his lodge in the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is honorary member of the Daughters of America. October 27, 1874, Mr. Eckman married Miss Anna L., daughter of Jacob Myers, and of this union have been born seven children, Willie Ross, Laura V., Enos M., Jacob Wesley, Mary Elizabeth, Miles and Chester Reed.



**A**UGUSTUS F. REINOEHL, agent for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, is their oldest representative in Lancaster County. He is also a successful auctioneer, and an influential citizen of Lancaster. Born in Pittsburg, November 20, 1851, he is a son of Augustus and Leah (Reigel) Reinoehl, natives of Lebanon, Pa. His paternal grandfather, Jacob, was born in the same locality in 1794, and was a lumber merchant, carpenter and builder. Removing to Lancaster, he engaged in business here until his death.

Our subject's father was a manufacturer of varnishes, being the second in that line of business in the United States. On coming to Lancaster he started a manufactory on North Queen Street and was actively engaged in the enterprise for over forty years. After he had acquired a comfortable fortune he retired from business, at the age of seventy-five. His wife, who was called from this life in 1887, had eight children, only three of whom are living. The parents were highly respected citizens and active members of the Lutheran Church.

The early education of Augustus F. Reinoehl was obtained in the public schools of Lancaster, and afterward he attended Yeates Institute. In 1869 he completed a course in the Cumberland Valley Institute at Mechanicsburg, and then went into business with his father. He was very successful in the manufacture of varnishes and oils, the works being situated on the old Manheim





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pike. From 1880 until 1885 he engaged in the sale of antique furniture, being the head of that business in the county. Later he drifted into auctioneering in Lancaster and vicinity, and has been quite successful in this undertaking. In 1890 he commenced to represent the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of which he became exclusive agent for the city, and two years later for the county. His office is at 61 North Duke Street, and his customers are constantly increasing.

The residence occupied by Mr. Reinoehl is situated on the corner of Frederick and North Duke Streets. His wife, whom he married in Mechanicsburg in 1875, was then Clara Muman, and was born in Adams County, Pa. They have three children, Benjamin, Elizabeth and Leah. Socially our subject is a member of the Knights of Malta, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He deposits his vote in favor of Republican nominees and measures. With his worthy wife he holds membership in the Duke Street Methodist Episcopal Church. He is honorable and upright in his business dealings and therefore has won the good will of all.



**J**OHN KELLER, a prominent railroad man, whose home is in Lancaster, has been of great assistance in a practical way to many of the industries and enterprises in this portion of Pennsylvania and has led a very active and useful life. At various times he has had as many as fourteen hundred men in his employ at one time, and in the concerns with which he has been identified employment has been given to thousands of others. In his financial dealing he has filled contracts for Jay Gould, Russell Sage, and other prominent railroad magnates and his operations have been on a very large scale.

Mr. Keller was born September 19, 1828, near Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, his parents, Ja-

cob and Fannie (Disinger) Keller, being of German descent. His ancestors were among the pioneer settlers of this county, where his paternal grandfather, John Keller, was born. He was a farmer and blacksmith in West Donegal Township and in politics supported the Democratic party. By his first wife, the grandmother of our subject, a Miss Disinger, he had three sons and two daughters. His death occurred when he was about eighty years of age.

Jacob Keller, the father of our subject, was also born in West Donegal Township, and learned the carpenter's trade. He was a man of natural ability, practical and very industrious. During his entire life he lived in the township where his birth had occurred and was identified with everything pertaining to the general good. A staunch Democrat, he held a number of local offices. He was called from this life when in his fifty-seventh year. His wife, who is enjoying good health, has now reached the ripe old age of ninety-four years. They were the parents of the following children: Jacob, a locomotive engineer, whose death occurred at the age of fifty-eight years; David, who died in his nineteenth year; John; Abraham, now engaged in the wholesale liquor business in this city; Elizabeth, Mrs. Carter, now deceased; Fannie, and Samuel, who was an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad and was killed in an accident in 1872.

John Keller received a district school education and when he was twelve years old commenced working for a farmer at \$4 per month during the summer. From childhood he was trained to industrious habits and this has become one of his marked traits. When seventeen years old he entered the employ of the Harrisburg and Lancaster Railroad, receiving eighty cents a day, and in 1845 helped to transport soldiers for the Mexican War. Later he was promoted to carpenter work at \$1 per day on the road, and at the age of twenty was made a foreman of repairs on seven miles of track near Lancaster. For three years he served in that capacity and was afterward placed in charge of the entire railroad between Dillersville and Harrisburg, and just prior to this, in 1857, had built the Mt. Joy car shops. From 1858 to 1860 he was

in charge of the track between Columbia, Dillersville and Harrisburg, and at the last named date left the employ of the company to start a wood and railroad tie business, taking contracts for the railroads.

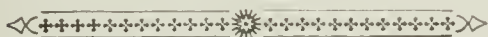
In 1861 Supervisor Hambricht resigned his position and Mr. Keller was given the place, which he held for seven years, and at the end of that time was appointed Trainmaster at Lancaster. In 1868 he launched into contracting and quarrying, residing where he does at present and having his business headquarters in Conoy Township. From his granite stone quarry was made the monument placed to the memory of Thaddeus Stevens and also the mausoleum for William F. Lockard, which stands in the Columbia Cemetery. For some eight years Mr. Keller operated his quarry in connection with bridge building and general railroad contracting. He constructed the Quarryville Railroad, thirteen miles of the Schuylkill Valley Railroad, in connection with Colonel Bush, built the Harrisburg & Gettysburg Railroad; one hundred and eleven miles of the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad; the Pennsylvania and Northwestern Railroad from Irwona to a point four miles beyond Punxsutawney, the road known as the Tapeworm Railroad; a branch of the Harrisburg & Potomac Railroad; the Cambria & Clearfield Railroad; thirteen miles of track between Glenlock and Trenton, and the western part of the Ft. Washington Road between Philadelphia and Ft. Washington. Mr. Keller has been very energetic, possessed of great organizing power, and has skillfully managed his business and his employes. He was among the first to project the idea of the Conawaga & Cornwell Railroad, of which he made the first survey, and also of the road between Lancaster and New Holland. When filling his contract of building the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk line, he managed to get seventy miles of the line constructed in eleven months, and seven miles were completed in one week. The day after completion the locomotive passed over those seven miles in seven minutes. At this time he often had fourteen hundred men in his employ. In 1874 Mr. Keller built the Philadelphia Stockyards, on the Schuylkill River, and he was one of the promoters

of the Lancaster Trust Company, which is now in a flourishing condition. At present, in partnership with Kennedy Crossen, of the firm of Filbert, Porter & Co., he is engaged in making the Queen Lane Reservoir in Philadelphia, which when completed will hold three hundred and eighty million gallons. According to contract this is to be finished in two years, but will be completed in nineteen months, and for this work \$1,159,000 will be paid. The firm of Filbert, Porter & Co. have just taken the contract for depressing the North Pennsylvania Junction Railroad in the Quaker City, allowing the streets intersecting the same to pass over the tracks. In this work are engaged one thousand men, with five hundred horses and wagons, six locomotives and three steam shovels. Mr. Keller owns a stone quarry in Texas in connection with Messrs. Slaymaker, Baker & Warner, and in connection with two others he operated the Westa Furnace of the Columbia Rolling Mills Company until 1893. As a stockholder in the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad he is interested, and likewise in the Pennsylvania and Northwestern Railroad, and has extensively engaged in many other enterprises, among these being the Meriden Traction Company, between that city and Wallingford, Conn.

In 1852 Mr. Keller married Elizabeth Huber, daughter of Peter Huber, of this city, and they had a family of seven children. Ada died at the age of four and a-half years; John Franklin is a bridge contractor on masonry, his home being in this city, and was educated at LaFayette College; William Albert died at the age of twenty-eight years; Anna May became the wife of John Cochran, who is engaged in the coal business in Lancaster; Mary E. resides with her parents; Fannie May wedded Clay Landis, a dealer in grain in this place, and Flora is the wife of John F. Heinitz, a paint dealer of this city.

In his political relations Mr. Keller is an active Republican and was a delegate to the state convention that nominated Governor Curtin to be Chief Executive of the state. Religiously Mr. Keller is identified with the Lutheran denomination and socially is a member of Lambertson Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M. At the time of the Centennial he

laid all the tracks into the various buildings, and with a company built a road from Ft. Scott to Topeka, of which he was made President and which was later sold to Jay Gould. This contract called for an expenditure of \$1,300,000. He was also interested in the construction of one hundred and twelve miles of railroad from Memphis, Tenn., to Bald Knob, a branch of the Iron Mountain Railway, this piece of work having been done under contract for Jay Gould. With this synopsis of the great work our subject has accomplished, it is needless to say more, for his enterprise speaks plainly through what he has done.



JACOB F. KAUTZ has a good trade in the coal business, and is one of the leading citizens of Lancaster. A veteran of the late war, he served in the Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Regiment, and took part in many of the most noted battles and engagements of the Rebellion.

This city was the place of the nativity of our subject, the year of the event being 1816. His father, Jacob F., Sr., was likewise a native of this county, and his grandfather, George Kautz, was born in Germany. He settled in this place, where he engaged in brick manufacturing. The father of our subject also followed the business of brick-making, being a member of the firm of Kautz & Corson, owning three yards at Willow Street, and two yards in Lancaster. This partnership was carried on until 1875, when Buchanan was appointed Government Surveyor, and with him the senior Mr. Kautz went on a tour to the Pacific Coast for the purpose of surveying the boundaries of Washington Territory. On his return to this county he engaged in farming until he retired from active cares, and he passed from this life at the age of sixty-four years. He was a Lutheran, like his father, and was a member of the Masonic fraternity. His wife, Barbara, was the daughter of George

Coswiter, and was left an orphan when quite young. She was born here, and died at the age of seventy-three years. Of her nine children all but three grew to maturity, and five are still living.

Jacob F. Kautz, who is an only son, attended the city school until twelve years of age, and in the fall of 1862 enlisted in Company K, Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, and was mustered into the service at Pittsburg. He was then sent to the front and participated in the battles of Chattanooga, Chickamauga and Mission Ridge, and then went to Atlanta, taking part in many engagements. He was later in the three days' fight at Nashville and in the battles of Pulaski and Spring Hill. After Lee's surrender he was sent to Texas, where he was mustered out in December, 1865. Coming back to the north, he worked on his father's farm until 1869, at which time he obtained the position as clerk in a grocery in Philadelphia. He was thus occupied for six years, and then once more returned to Lancaster, where he engaged in the ice business for three years. Then selling out his interests he embarked in the coal business in partnership with Elliott & Kautz. When three years had passed our subject sold out and started a new yard on South Water Street, succeeding the firm of Quade & Smith, and this has been his place of business since 1883. The yards have a siding from the Pennsylvania & Reading Railroad, and all kinds of hard coal are his specialty.

Jacob F. Kautz was united in marriage with Miss Kate Ochs. The lady is a daughter of John Ochs, a grocer of this place, where Mrs. Kautz was born and reared. Two children have come to bless their union, their names being Edith and Lillian. The parents are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church, and are considered by all who know them to be most estimable people.

In educational affairs Mr. Kautz has ever been very active, and is now serving the second year of his third term as a member of the School Board from the Seventh Ward. He is Chairman of the Visiting Committee and a member of the Furnishing Committee. In 1890 he was elected on the Democratic ticket as a member of the Common Council from the Seventh Ward, and served for one term. The following year he was elected to

serve on the Select Council, and was re-elected two years later. During this period he was Chairman of the Railroad Committee. Fraternally Mr. Kautz is identified with Lamberton Lodge No. 476, F. & A. M., and is a Knight of Pythias, being Past Commander of the Uniformed Rank of that order.



**M**ICHAEL R. HOFFMAN. There are few places the size of Marietta that claim more successful business men, or where there is a greater amount of competition in every line of trade. Perhaps because of its desirable location, but more likely because of the progressive spirit of its citizens. It has always enjoyed a good reputation and is a profitable residence place, with influential and active business men. Prominent among them is our subject, who is one of the largest tobacco dealers in the county. In the year 1893, he packed six thousand five hundred cases of the leaf, and in the prosecution of this industry he gives employment to sixty-five men in the busy season.

Our subject was born January 31, 1857, to Benjamin and Elizabeth (Rhoads) Hoffman. He is a native of Conoy Township, Lancaster County, and traces his ancestry back to his great-great-grandfather, John Hoffman, who, it is supposed, was the first of that name to locate in the United States, having come hither with a Swiss colony who located at Marietta, near Chickies Creek. He was a large man physically, possessing remarkable strength, and was one of the first millers in the county.

Of the three sons of the above gentleman, John, Jacob and Michael, the latter was the great-grandfather. He was a farmer by occupation and a member of the River Brethren Church. He had two children: Michael, Jr., and a daughter whose name is not known. His son, the grandfather of

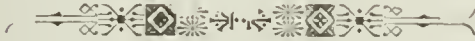
our subject, lived in Adams County, this state when a boy. Although very poor in early life, he became one of the wealthy agriculturists of this section, leaving at his decease a valuable tract of land, aggregating over one thousand acres. He passed his last years in Conoy Township. He was twice married. By his first union there were born six children: Benjamin, Michael, John, Anna, Elizabeth and Mary. His second marriage, with Ann Hershey, resulted in the birth of two children, Abraham and Susan.

Benjamin Hoffman was born in East Donegal Township, Lancaster County, and like other lads of that day, acquired his education in the district schools. For many years he farmed and raised leaf tobacco in his native place, but after his marriage moved to Conoy Township. He is still living, making his home on the farm, and is still engaged in active business. In politics he is a staunch Republican and in religious affairs a consistent member of the River Brethren Church.

The parents of our subject were married in 1853, and to them were born ten children, named respectively: Paris, deceased; Michael R., of this sketch; Emma, Martha, Mary, Benjamin F., Abraham L., Norman R., Elizabeth and Clayton. He of whom this history is written attended school at Millersville until the age of sixteen, when he began teaching, following that occupation for a short time. His next venture was in the tobacco business in Maytown, in which he engaged in 1878 with a Mr. Grove and his uncle, Michael M. The firm was known as Grove, Hoffman & Co. This partnership was dissolved two years later, when Mr. Hoffman removed his business to Bainbridge, where he operated alone in the same line of trade for about seven years. At the expiration of that time we find him located in Marietta, whither he had removed his office and tobacco interests. He is without doubt one of the largest packers in the county, within whose bounds he is recognized as one of the leading business men. He is one of the directors in the Exchange Bank of Marietta, a promoter of the Marietta Casting Company and a director in the Columbia Flint Company in Columbia Borough. He has been remarkably successful in worldly affairs, and besides the

business already mentioned is the owner of two valuable farms in Lancaster County.

The original of this sketch and Miss Ida, the daughter of Jacob Risser, were united in marriage in 1884. Their four children bear the respective names of Paris, Michael R., Jr., Amos Risser and Guy S. In politics our subject is a Republican and is serving a term as School Director in East Donegal Township. His intelligence, good citizenship and fine character entitle him to the esteem of his acquaintances, and his friends in this vicinity are many and sincere.



**H**ENRY BURD CASSEL is a member of the lumber firm of A. N. Cassel & Son, long one of the leading industries of Marietta, Lancaster County. He is also the principal stockholder and Treasurer of the Marietta Manufacturing Company, which furnishes forges, iron fence, hose reels, various kinds of agricultural implements, etc., to the trade. In other enterprises of this vicinity he has been an important factor, and has used his influence and means for the upbuilding of the community. In lines of church and benevolent work he has also been active, and is justly considered one of the best citizens of this place.

The birth of Mr. Cassel occurred in Marietta October 19, 1855. He comes from one of the best families of the county, where his ancestors have been residents for four or five generations. On the paternal side he is of German descent, while on his mother's side he is of German and French extraction. His grandfather, Henry Cassel, was interested in the lumber business and was one of the incorporators of the old Marietta Bank. On his death he was placed to rest near Marietta, in the family burying ground. Abram N. Cassel, our subject's father, was born in this borough in January, 1810, and learned the latter's trade in his youth. During his twentieth year he started in business for himself at his birthplace, and con-

tinued in the latter's trade some twenty years. On the expiration of that time he embarked in the lumber business, to which he has devoted his energies up to the present time, being the senior member of the firm of A. N. Cassel & Son, though he is not now actively engaged in business affairs. For three terms he has served the people of this district in the State Legislature, where his career was most commendable. He was one of the first advocates of the public-school system, and has been a member of the School Board, and also of the Town Council a number of terms. Until the formation of the Republican party he was a Whig, and since 1856 has actively supported the former organization. In county conventions and in local political meetings, he has been a prominent figure for many years. One of the incorporators of the Lancaster and Marietta Pike Company, he is now its President. Religiously he holds membership with the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an Elder for years. By his marriage with Mary J. Stahl, he has two living children, George L., M. D., and our subject. The former is a practicing physician, now located in Philadelphia.

The early years of H. Burd Cassel were passed in Marietta, and his education was received in the public schools of this place and Columbia. Soon after completing his studies he went into his father's office and has since been identified with the lumber trade. He also owns and operates a retail lumber yard in Mt. Joy, and controls numerous mills throughout the state. The present firm was formed in 1888, previous to which time he had long managed the business. Their trade, which before 1888 was exclusively retail, is now largely wholesale. Everything in the line of bill lumber and dealers' supplies is constantly kept on hand, and the firm's trade in shingles alone is greater than that of any other in the state. Much of the trade in this article is from the state of Washington. The lumber in which the firm deals is shipped from Canada, the states of Washington and Florida, and in fact from almost every state in the Union. Mr. Cassel is Secretary and Treasurer of the Lancaster & Marietta Turnpike Company, is a member of the Marietta Flour and Feed Company, which manufactures flour and feed by the roller

process, and is a Director in the Marietta Gravity Water Company, the Home Building and Loan Association and the Baltimore Building and Loan Association.

For four successive terms Mr. Cassel has served as a member of the Borough Council. Though he is not an aspirant for political preferment, he is the present Chairman of the Republican County Committee, and has always taken an interested share in political matters. For over a dozen years he has been Superintendent in the Sunday-school of the Presbyterian Church, where he holds the office of Elder. Moreover, he is President of the Lancaster County Sunday-school Association, President of the Lancaster County Union of Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and is President of the York District of the Young Men's Christian Association.

July 17, 1877, Mr. Cassel married Miss Mary A. Patterson, of Marietta. Of their union live children were born, their names in order of birth being as follows: Howard Neff, M. Effie, Frances Patterson, Henry and Walter Patterson. The family is held in the highest esteem by all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance, and the circle of their friends is not limited to this immediate vicinity or county. In his business dealings Mr. Cassel's career has been marked with honor an integrity to the highest degree, and the success which he has achieved is due to these qualities united with his good financial management.



**G**EORGE W. MEHAFFEY is honorably bearing his part in sustaining the interests of Marietta, where he is engaged in business. He is a native of Lancaster County, having been born on the old homestead, July 29, 1831. His father, James Mehaffey, was of Scotch-Irish descent, as was also his mother, whose maiden name was Mary Cochran. The great-grandfather of our subject, James Mehaffey, was born in Scotland,

whence he removed to the North of Ireland, and there made his home until emigrating to the United States about the middle of the last century.

The father of our subject was also a native of Lancaster County, and was born in 1781. He was a large lumber merchant in Marietta, in which business he was engaged from 1804 until his decease in 1850. He was also interested in a mercantile establishment, and was one of the progressive and successful business men of the city. James Mehaffey was one of the founders of that part of Marietta called Waterford, and was the only business man to survive the panic of 1812. Besides carrying on his large wholesale and retail lumber trade, he was the owner of valuable timber land in the western part of the state, and also had in his possession large real-estate interests in the vicinity of Marietta. In fact, he was one of the leading business men of Lancaster County, who was probably better known than any other resident within its bounds. His personal character was one of such integrity and his capacity for financial affairs so decided, that he won a high place in the esteem of his fellow-citizens. In politics he was in early life a Whig. He was identified religiously with the Donegal Presbyterian Church, in which he was Elder for many years.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Mehaffey there were born twelve children, nine of whom grew to mature years, and three are still living. Andrew, who was formerly President of the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company, is now living retired in New York City. This son was also Superintendent of the Philadelphia & Harrisburg Railroad, now known as the Pennsylvania Road. He was a very competent business man, and spent seventeen years in Europe as a representative of a great commercial enterprise. William K. Mehaffey, another son, is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and while Reading Clerk of the House of Representatives in Washington was one of the most competent officials ever holding that position. He is now living in Boston, practically retired. Our subject was the youngest in order of birth in the family, and Samuel, the eldest; then followed Andrew; Elizabeth, the wife of James Law; and James, successor to his father in the lumber business. The

last-named son was also for a time Director of the Harrisburg, Mt. Joy & Portsmouth Railroad, now owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Margaret was the second daughter, and the other members of the household were Franklin and Calvin. Franklin was a Lieutenant in the Regular Army during the Mexican War, and died at New Orleans soon after the close of that conflict. Calvin was graduated from Princeton College in 1853, and engaged in business in Philadelphia on the outbreak of the Civil War. He was appointed Lieutenant in the Regular United States Army, Company C, of which he was made Captain. He was later placed on General Porter's staff, and after a time was transferred to the staff of General Patriek, and subsequently became acting Assistant Adjutant-General. Some time thereafter he was changed to the staff of General McClellan, and at Harrison's Landing was placed in charge of all prisoners. He also served as a member of General Sheridan's staff later, and was Provost-Marshal of New Orleans at the time that general commanded the forces of that city. Calvin Mehaffey was appointed Recruiting Officer at New York, which position was gained through a competitive examination for officers having the best record of field service. He filled the position for about two years, during which time he was ordered to California, and after his return remained with his regiment, the First, until retired in 1870. He was very much broken down in health at this time, and died eight months later.

Our subject grew to manhood in his native town, and completed his education in the college of Princeton, with the Class of '54. After leaving college he engaged in the lumber business on the west branch of the Susquehanna River, which occupation he followed for about four years, when he returned to Marietta and purchased a sawmill which he conducted with good results until 1865. That year he disposed of his interest in the mill. Like his father before him, he was one of the prominent business men of the county, being at the time stockholder and Director of the Exchange Bank, one of the original stockholders of the First National Bank and thirty years Director in the Columbia National Bank. He was very prominent

in political affairs, and at one time was Auditor of the county. He served as County Commissioner from 1872 to 1875, and has also been Burgess and School Director at Marietta. In religious affairs he is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, in which he is Vestryman, and has been a delegate to every diocesan convention since the formation of the present diocese. Socially, he is a prominent Mason.

The marriage of George W. Mehaffey and Miss Charlotte Russell Rinehart was celebrated June 16, 1859. The lady was the youngest daughter of David Rinehart, a wealthy lumber merchant of Marietta. To them was granted a family of four children, of whom Mary, Mrs. B. Frank Hiestand, is deceased. David is civil engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Emily is the wife of Richard Mott, and resides in Burlington, N. J., and Gertrude, the youngest of the family, is at home with her parents.



CAPT. GEORGE H. ETTLA, of Marietta, is one of the leaders in the Republican political circles of this county and won his title during his gallant army service. In 1882 he was appointed Postmaster of Marietta and served for two years and eight months, when he resigned on account of Cleveland's accession to the Presidency. During the years of 1875 to 1879 inclusive, he was a member of the State Legislature and for one term was mercantile appraiser of Lancaster County. He now represents the National Investment and Loan Company, of Washington, D. C., and is greatly interested in a new and improved process of manufacturing brick. This is effected by a down-draft kiln and many of these are in operation in various parts of this and adjoining counties.

The Captain was born August 15, 1831, in Hum-

melstown, Dauphin County, Pa. He is of German descent and a son of Conrad and Barbara Ettl. At the tender age of two years our subject was left an orphan and was reared by his uncle, George, President of the Middletown Bank. He remained with him until seventeen years of age and for three winters attended Emmans Institute, a school for orphans. For eight years he was in the office of the Canal Toll Collector on the Union Canal, where he had been from his tenth year. At seventeen his health was so broken down from confinement to the office that he started out to rough it and lead an out-door life. In 1850 he started for California but was prevented from carrying out his plan by his elder brother. In Philadelphia he was next associated with a wholesale clothing house for a year and a-half, after which he located on the Jersey shore.

In 1853 our subject came to this city and was in the employ of Col. James Duffy, a lumberman, for three years. We next find him acting as book-keeper for S. F. Eagle, who was at that time in the iron and lumber business. In 1860 he embarked in the lumber commission business at Marietta and continued until the breaking out of the war.

In the early part of 1861 our subject made application to the Secretary of War, asking to be allowed to recruit a regiment of colored troops from Lancaster. Up to 1865 he was Deputy Provost-Marshal and Enrolling Officer and during this time recruited two companies at Marietta. When news came of the assassination of Lincoln the Captain immediately raised a company of one hundred and thirteen men here and was made Captain of Company B, Two Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment. This was in April, 1865, and he was sent from Virginia to Ft. Delaware, being placed in possession of the same and doing guard duty until mustered out at the close of the war. When hostilities had ceased he became General Claim and Insurance Agent and also was interested in obtaining pensions for old soldiers for some time. His first vote was cast for John C. Fremont in 1856. During Harrison's campaign he built a wigwam and has always been actively concerned in Presidential elections. For four consecutive terms he was Commander of Post No. 123, G.A.R., and was formerly identified with Post

No. 84, G. A. R., of Lancaster. He is a Mason, belonging to Ashara Lodge No. 398 of this place, is a Knight of Pythias and a member of Waterford Council No. 72, O. U. A. M. During the late war he instituted thirty-two councils of the Union League and was made District Deputy in this county with Dr. Muelilenburg and Congressman Jack Hiestand. For a number of years he remained the chief promoter and founder of various leagues throughout the county.

The new scheme for brick manufacturing in which our subject is much interested has as its chief merit great saving of fuel and labor and the uniformity of excellence in the manufactured article. Companies have been established and plants located by the Captain at Fredericksburg, Md., Pine Grove, Schuylkill County, Clearfield, Columbia, Saxonburg and various other places in the east.

June 10, 1856, our subject married Amanda C., daughter of David Harry, of Marietta. They have had six children, as follows: Mary, wife of John H. Kreitzer, Mayor of Milton, Pa.; D. Harry, who is in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Wilkes Barre; George S., now at Clearfield Point; Anna J., a resident of Doyleston, Bucks County, Pa.; Emily E., a resident of Philadelphia; and Robert R., Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company of this place.



**J**OHAN A. CAPP, M. D., one of the latest physicians and surgeons to locate in Lancaster, was born in Jonestown, Lebanon County, Pa., November 7, 1849. His father, George T., and grandfather, John Capp, were natives of the same place, and the latter was a merchant of Jonestown, dying at the age of sixty-one years. The great-grandfather, Daniel Capp, was a lumberman and followed the river. The original name of this family was Kopp, but the spelling was changed for convenience. The original Michael







EDWIN BOOKMYER.

Kopp settled in Lebanon County. Our subject's father continued in the mercantile business until 1875, when he sold out, and about that time he was elected Justice of the Peace. He died October 26, 1885. For four years he was Burgess of Jonestown Borough. He took part in the engagement at Gettysburg during the Civil War. Politically he was a Republican, and in religious matters was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Sarah E. Bickel, was a daughter of Samuel Bickel, a merchant. The great-grandfather, John W. Bickel, was in the War of 1812 and was appointed the first Postmaster at Jonestown, holding the office for sixty years. After his death, which occurred at that place in 1858, his son Samuel E. succeeded him, serving until 1861. He died in 1872, aged sixty-three years. Our subject's mother still resides at the old homestead.

John A. is one of three sons. Thomas H., who served three terms in the Pennsylvania Legislature, is now a practicing attorney at Lebanon, being senior member of the firm of Capp & Shock; George S. is a traveling salesman of Philadelphia. Our subject was educated in Tremont Seminary in Norristown, after which he assisted his father in the store until 1872. He was then appointed general collector for the South Mountain Railroad, and after two years of service in that capacity commenced to study medicine, reading under Dr. E. R. Umberger. In 1876 he entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which institution he was graduated in 1878 with the degree of M. D. He at once began the practice of his profession at Jonestown, where he remained until April, 1894, and then located in Lancaster.

The first marriage of Dr. Capp occurring in 1872 united him with Miss M. Alice Walter, who was born in the city of Lebanon, Pa., her father having been a miller and grain merchant in Jonestown. She died June 10, 1891, the mother of five children, Sadie E., Edna L., Carrie E., Walter S. and George T. The last-named child died in 1889, aged one year. For his second wife the Doctor married Miss Amy L. Echternach, the date of their marriage being April 10, 1894. She is a native of

Lancaster County and the daughter of John F. Echternach, a hotel man at Orvilla.

Of the public life of Dr. Capp it may be said that while a resident of Jonestown he served as a member of the School Board for three years, during that time holding the position of President. He was also a member of the Borough Council three years, resigning upon his removal from that place. Politically he is a Republican, and in religious matters is identified with the Lutheran Church. He is an acceptable member of the Lebanon County Medical Society, as well as the medical societies in Lancaster city and county.



**E**DWIN BOOKMYER, Pension Attorney and Notary Public, whose office is at No. 9 South Duke Street, Lancaster, is a veteran of the late war, and has an army record of which he and his children may well be proud. For the boys in blue he has always had a warm affection, and takes a real and personal interest in presenting their claims for recognition to the Government. In the various social and other circles of this city he numbers a great many sincere friends, and is highly respected by all who have had the good fortune to make his acquaintance in whatever walk of life.

Our subject was born on the 12th of June, 1845, being a son of Michael and Margaret (Beckley) Bookmyer. The former was born in Frederick City, M. D., and became a resident of Manheim, Lancaster County, where he was Burgess in 1846. His father, Jacob, who was a farmer in Maryland, was of English descent, and it is supposed was a participant in the War of 1812. Michael Bookmyer, or B'myer, as the name was sometimes spelled, was at one time in a military company belonging to the Lancaster State Militia, and was a shoemaker by trade, being noted for the fine work which he put forth. Though he was only thirty-two years old at the time of his death, in 1847, he had acquired a substantial fortune, and

was justly regarded as a man of good financial ability and personal integrity. Being musically inclined, he was particularly skillful on the violin, and was an instructor of the art. In the work of the Lutheran denomination he took an active and interested part. His wife was born in Prescott Station, where her father and grandfather were also born and reared. The latter, Frederick Beckley, of English descent, was a soldier in the War of 1812, and later became an extensive farmer in Lebanon County, Pa. His wife, a Miss Stroch, was of German descent. After his father's early death the mother of our subject became the wife of George Deffenderfer, now deceased, and formerly well known in this city. His widow makes her home in Reading, Pa., and though eighty-four years old is still hale and hearty, and is one of the active workers of the Lutheran Church of that place. By her first marriage she had three sons and two daughters, but only two of the family are now living.

From the age of seven years Edwin Bookmyer was reared in Lancaster, and when only two years older worked in the cotton factories. His schooling was therefore very meagre, but he made the best of such advantages as he had, and by private study and determination in time became a well informed man. For one summer he worked on a farm, and later was apprenticed to D. P. Locher as a currier, remaining in that business until the war broke out. Though only seventeen years of age, he volunteered his services in defense of the Stars and Stripes, but was strongly opposed in this resolution by his mother, who twice had his name taken off the rolls. Finally she was persuaded to sign a certificate, and the youth was accepted as a Fifer in Company K, One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, the date of his enlistment being August 11, 1862. He was mustered into the service at Lancaster, and was in camp for nine months. Later he took part in the second battle of Bull Run and in the engagements at Manassas Gap, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville.

Being mustered out at Harrisburg, May 15, 1863, Mr. Bookmyer then turned his attention to various lines of work until the following spring,

when he re-enlisted, April 1, 1864, being placed in Company I, Twelfth Pennsylvania Cavalry, assigned to the One Hundred and Thirteenth Regiment of Infantry, and was mustered in at Philadelphia. With his company, he was in the battles of Bolivar Heights, Martinsburg, Winchester, Berryville, near Keyes Ford, and was injured at Halltown, November 20, 1864, being thrown from his horse. When at a point between Winchester and Charlestown he was captured by a small band of Confederate bushwhackers, but made his escape the same night, November 8, 1864, and ran the distance of ten miles which intervened between their camp and that of his regiment. December 8 he was appointed Bugler, and on the 18th of the following April was detailed as Chief Bugler to the Second Battalion, having the rank of Corporal. After his long and valiant service he was mustered out, July 20, 1865, near Winchester, and was discharged in Philadelphia.

Returning to Lancaster, Mr. Bookmyer for several months was in very poor health as the result of his army experiences, and he was unable to engage in active pursuits. Until September, 1865, he resided in the Quaker City, and thence going to Montgomery County, remained on a farm until April 1 of the following year, when he came back to Lancaster. He was variously employed until 1867, when he began learning the business of coach trimming, and afterward that of horse painting. For three years succeeding he was employed at painting and decorating work, and then started to secure contracts in the same line of trade. This occupation he followed with fair success until 1886. He then took up the pension business, and has since devoted his time exclusively to the same. In the presentation of soldiers' claims he has been invariably successful, as is shown by the number of cases he has had recognized by the Government authorities. In 1890 he was made Notary Public, a position his father had filled before him, and in 1893 his daughter was awarded the same honor.

In 1870 Mr. Bookmyer and Mary A. Hoff were united in marriage in this city. The lady was born here, being a daughter of Charles Frederick Hoff, a native of Stuttgart, Germany, who subse-

quently emigrated to this city. Of this union five children have been born, as follows: Ella, who is in her father's office, and is now a Notary Public; Edwin H., a clerk in the same office; Charles F., who is an electrician; Herbert F., whose death occurred in Lancaster; and Paul N. The family attend the First Reformed Church, in which our subject has been an Elder and Trustee, and one of the leading members for many years. Particularly interested in the Sunday-school department, he has been a teacher for some twenty years.

In his political affiliations Mr. Bookmyer is an ardent Republican. He is a Grand Army man, having formerly been Senior Vice Commander of George H. Thomas Post No. 81, and having been their delegate and representative to the general encampment. As an Odd Fellow he belongs to Monterey Lodge No. 212, of which he is ex-Junior Warden and is Past Chief Patriarch of Washington Encampment. He is also identified with Counsellor Branch No. 156, American Mechanics, and at one time was a member of the Board of Managers of the Young Men's Christian Association of this place.



**A**MMON M. LEASE, proprietor of the White Elephant Photograph Gallery, was born in Adams County, Pa. His father, A. M. Lease, also a native of that county, was a mason and bricklayer by trade, and also engaged as a contractor. Late in life he located in York County and followed the same business. He died near York in 1892, at the age of about seventy years. Grandfather David Lease came from Germany when a mere boy, locating in Adams County, where he died at the age of ninety-two, his good wife surviving him one year. The original family name was spelled Leas, but our subject changed it to Lease.

Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Susan Chronister, was born near Hampton, and was a member of an old Pennsylvania-German family. She died at the age of forty-five years, being

the mother of five sons and one daughter, all of whom grew to years of maturity, and the sons still survive. Ammon M., the second youngest, was born April 14, 1851. He was reared about ten miles from Gettysburg, and distinctly recollects the morning of the great battle fought at that place. After the close of that conflict he started out in life for himself, with no resources, save his own energy. At first he clerked in York-shire, Adams County, in a general merchandise store, and was Assistant Postmaster when twenty years of age.

While living on a farm, Mr. Lease had the misfortune to fall from a horse, receiving an injury in his right leg and hip that for nearly three years incapacitated him for active work. A clerkship of four years followed, and he then went to Baltimore, where he learned the photographic business in Richard Walzell's photographic emporium. After one year at that place, he obtained a position in York, Pa., as a re-toucher for B. C. Pence, with whom he remained seven years. He then spent a short time in travel, coming to Lancaster in August, 1884, to enter the Hubley gallery, where he was employed as a re-toucher and assistant operator for three years. From that time until 1889 he was employed in the Rote gallery on North Queen Street.

During the month of May, 1889, Mr. Lease opened his own gallery, known as the White Elephant. The building is 16x107 feet in dimensions, three stories high, with a marble front. The gallery occupies the two upper floors. His rooms are elegantly furnished, and are provided with all the modern appliances for the production of first class art work. His trade is the largest of any artist in Lancaster. He does work from the smallest card photograph to the largest life-size colored and oil painting work.

Mr. Lease was united in marriage, at York, with Miss S. Ruth, a native of Berks County, born near Reading. Their family consists of four children: Adah, Art, Norman and Milton (twins). Our subject moves in the best circles of Lancaster society, is a member of the Golden Eagle, Mystic Chain, W. R. N. Chain, the Order of Elks, and other civic societies, in which he has held important of-

fices. In business he is a good financier, and is a Director of several business corporations. He is active in the building and loan association, and now occupies the position of Secretary and Treasurer of the local branch of the National Life Building and Loan Association at Lancaster. Politically he is a true blue Republican, and in his religious faith is connected with the Reformed Church.



**G**EORGE P. KING, M. D., one of the successful, competent, thorough and skillful practitioners of the medical fraternity in Lancaster, is justly entitled to a biographical notice in this connection. He was born in the city of Lancaster, July 15, 1858, the son of Jacob and Catherine (Frey) King, also natives of Lancaster. Our subject's father and grandfather were coopers by trade, the former establishing himself in business on East King Street, but later in life he engaged in the grocery business on South Queen Street. His death occurred in 1874, at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church and in politics was a Republican.

Our subject's grandfather, Jacob Frey, was a native of Lancaster. Politically he was a Democrat and for a number of years served as Sheriff of his county. His father was a soldier in the War of 1812. The mother resides with our subject and is now seventy-two years of age. She is a consistent member of St. Paul's Reformed Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob King were the parents of five children, two of whom are living, our subject and Jacob F., the latter engaged in the manufacture of tobacco on North Queen Street. Our subject was reared in Lancaster and received his education in the public and high schools and in a private school in Harrisburg. When eighteen years of age, under the guidance of Dr. Henry Carpenter of Lancaster, he began the study of

medicine, which science from his early boyhood days he had desired to master. In 1876 he entered Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated three years later with the degree of M. D. He then located in the practice of his chosen profession at Lancaster, and has occupied the same office ever since. He was born next door to where he is practicing, that place being his father's property at the time of his birth. Since 1889, he has been the attending physician at St. Joseph's Hospital, where he has shown great ability, both as a physician and surgeon.

Politically the Doctor is a firm supporter of the Republican party, and takes great interest in city, county, state and national politics. Socially he is a member of Lamberlon Lodge No. 476, A. F. & A. M., and belongs to the City and County Medical Association. He is a strong advocate of the adoption of the process of cremation. He stands well as a citizen, possessing advanced views, and is among the best read modern-day physicians and surgeons of the Keystone State. In the role of a physician he has made a success both financially and as a faithful practitioner. His familiar form and face have cheered the sick room of many a household in Lancaster County, and it has ever been his aim to exercise all the skill he possesses for rich and poor alike.



**P**ETER B. ESBENSHADE is perhaps one of the largest land owners in Manheim Township. He is a self-made man and has been very successful financially, being the possessor of four farms comprising in all over four hundred broad acres of as fine farming land as may be found in the county.

Our subject is the son of Jacob and Maria (Binkley) Esbenshade, and was born March 13, 1851, in the above township at the old homestead, located near Binkley's Bridge. The family is of German origin, the grandfather, Peter Esbenshade having

emigrated from the Fatherland in an early day and made settlement in Paradise Township, this county, where he was engaged in farm pursuits, owning sixty or seventy acres. Together with cultivating his land he preached in the Mennonite Church, and was much beloved by those who knew him. In his political relations he was a staunch Whig. He married Mrs. Elizabeth (Howry) Le-fever, and to them were born four sons, namely: Henry, Jacob, David and Joseph. The grandfa-ther died at the age of eighty-one years.

Jacob Esbenshade, the father of our subject, was born January 18, 1805, in Paradise Township, this county. Like the youth of that early day he at-tended the district school and assisted his father in carrying on the farm work. In 1829 he pur-chased a tract of land near Binkley's Bridge which he farmed for eleven years and then became the proprietor of one hundred and twenty acres. He was very successful in all his ventures and at his decease owned six good farms in Lancaster Coun-ty, aggregating about six hundred acres. A man of more than ordinary intelligence, ability and force of character, he assumed his rightful position as a leader, and his fellow-townsmen ever looked up to him for counsel and assistance. He bore a prin-cipal part in the settlement of estates and was hon-ored by being called to responsible public posi-tions, which he filled with ability and a conscien-tious regard to the highest interests of the com-munity.

In 1832 Jacob Esbenshade married Miss Maria, daughter of Christian Binkley, and to them were granted the following named children, Elizabeth, Christian, Barbara, Jacob B., Maria, Henry B., Amanda, Isaac, Peter B. and Annie. The husband and father departed this life November 10, 1884, and in his death the county lost one of its best and most honored citizens. His good wife preceded him to the better land, having passed away March 17, 1879. She was at that time sixty-eight years of age and a devoted member of the Mennonite Church.

The original of this sketch received a good edu-cation in the common schools, and choosing the occupation of a farmer, was very successful in his undertaking, and as before stated owns over four

hundred acres in Manheim and Strasburg Town-ships. He takes a deep interest in the welfare of his county, materially and otherwise, and has borne a prominent part in promoting its rise and progress to its present high standing among its sister coun-ties as a wealthy and well developed country and a rich agricultural portion of Pennsylvania.

December 13, 1877, Peter B. Esbenshade and Miss Susan, daughter of Henry Leaman, were united in marriage and to them have been born three children: Franklin L., Elmer L. and Cora L.



**H**OWARD C. McALLISTER is one of the able and efficient business men of Cone-stoga Township, Lancaster County, and for some years has been engaged in the manufac-ture of cigars. Though comparatively a young man, he has made an enviable reputation in this locality for the good common sense and industrious spirit he manifests in his affairs, and by those who have known him from boyhood he is held in high esteem.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was Amos McAllister, who was one of the early settlers and farmers of Lancaster County. He married Fannie Hess and seven children graced their union. Jacob, the eldest in order of birth, was born in Pe-quea Township, and from boyhood was a farmer, dealing extensively in stock. At one time he was a member of the State Militia and was a very ac-tive politician in the ranks of the Republican party. Educational affairs found in him a very interest-ed supporter, and for some few terms he was School Director in this township. He married Miss Bar-bara Greider, and they became the parents of two children, Howard C., whose name heads this sketch, and Cora.

In Pequea Township, on the 22d of October, 1867, occurred the birth of Howard C. McAllister. His parents gave him good educational advantages, and he was a pupil of the common schools of the district for about ten years. Subsequently he sup-

plemented his knowledge by two terms spent at the Millersville Normal School, which he left on attaining his majority. After passing the required examinations he obtained a certificate and for the next four years engaged in teaching school, in which line of work he met with gratifying success. Afterwards he engaged in milling, following that vocation for about a year, but since that time has been occupied as a cigar manufacturer, to which trade he is giving all of his time and attention.

Religiously Mr. McAllister is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is now acting in an official capacity as a Steward. In his political affiliations he is a staunch and tried Republican, and has strong opinions and convictions that his party is adopting the best methods in all matters of great public moment, especially in the protection of American industries and working men.

May 22, 1889, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. McAllister and Miss Edith Urban, and one child, a little daughter whom they call Ruth, has come to bless their home.



**C**HRISTOPHER LILLER is the oldest and leading tonsorial artist in Lancaster, where he has been in business since 1854, and since 1864 has been located at No. 225-227 North Queen Street. He is a man of experience in his trade, and in addition to that is a graduate in surgery. A well informed and courteous gentleman, he numbers a host of warm friends in this city, where his face has been so long a familiar one.

A native of Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, Mr. Liller was born August 8, 1831. His father, Andrew, a native of the same locality, was a merchant tailor by trade, and was a soldier of the German War of 1812. In 1856 Andrew Liller concluded to try his fortunes in America and accordingly came hither, making his home in Lancaster until his death, in 1863. His wife, who was before her marriage Catherine Schaaf, was born in the same neighborhood as was her husband, and her death occurred in 1837, when her son Christopher

was a child of only six years. The parents were devoted adherents of the Lutheran Church, in the faith of which they brought up their three sons and two daughters, all of whom are now living. One brother is still a resident of the Fatherland, but the two sisters make their home in the United States.

Christopher Liller was reared in Frankfort, where he acquired an excellent education in his mother tongue. On attaining suitable age he was admitted as a student in the School of Anatomy and Surgery, and served an apprenticeship as a barber. After his course of study at the School of Anatomy he passed his examinations and was graduated therefrom. In 1854 he sailed for America in the "Gilechrist" by way of Harve and New York City, arriving at the metropolis on the expiration of a thirty days' voyage. His first work in the United States was in Brooklyn, and later he was employed on Pearl Street, New York City. For a time he was next in Jersey City, and in the fall of the same year he came to Lancaster, starting a shop in this block. He continued at the first location for about ten years, and then built the structure in which he has since been located. He is thoroughly competent as a surgeon, having learned the proper method of cupping, bleeding, leeching, etc. His shop is equipped with six chairs, and in addition to this there are public bath rooms well supplied with all conveniences. Mr. Liller is an adept in his line and manufactures switches, etc., for the fair sex. Mrs. Liller has charge of the ladies' department in the shop, and superintends the renting of masquerade suits, of which they have a large assortment and for which there is considerable demand during certain seasons, they being the only ones in this line in the city.

Soon after coming to Lancaster, in 1854, Mr. Liller was married to Miss Eliza Pfeiffer, who was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, and five children have graced their union: George C., who keeps barbers' supplies; Charles, who is in business with his father; Charlotte, wife of John Brucker, a barber of this place; William H., a practical confectioner of Lancaster, and Mary, Mrs. Miller, also of this city.

Mr. Liller is a member of Lodge No. 43, A. F. & A. M.; Chapter No. 43, R. A. M.; Goodwin Coun-



cil No. 19; Lancaster Lodge at Perfection, and Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T. He is also associated with Hebel Lodge No. 599, I. O. O. F., and with the Teutonia No. 165, K. P. Politically he is a Democrat, and religiously belongs to the German Lutheran denomination. Having considerable musical ability and much love for the art, he has long been numbered among the members of the Maennerchor.



**W**ILSON BRUBAKER, deceased, was formerly one of the prosperous agriculturists and business men of Manheim Township. He was the owner of a good estate in that section and a hotel in Mechanicsburg, to which he gave his personal supervision. Our subject was the son of Wilson, Sr. and Susan (Shafer) Brubaker, and was born in Upper Leacock Township, July 5, 1851. The Brubaker family is an old and respected one in Lancaster County, and its members are of German extraction.

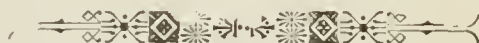
The great-grandfather of our subject, by name Samuel Brubaker, was also a native of Pennsylvania and followed farm pursuits all his life. He was a Whig in politics and a devoted member of the Lutheran Church. He married Elizabeth Eckert, and by her became the father of a son, also named Samuel, and who was the grandfather of Wilson of this sketch. He was an extensive farmer of Earl Township, this county, being the possessor of five valuable estates, which he operated with excellent success. Like his father, he too was a Whig in politics until the formation of the Republican party, when he joined its ranks.

Wilson Brubaker, Sr., was born in the above township, December 13, 1810. He owned two good farms in this state and was generally conceded to be one of the most prosperous and substantial men in the county. In politics he was a Republican and a decidedly public-spirited man, holding many offices of honor and trust. When twenty-eight years of age he was married to Miss Susan,

daughter of Solomon Shafer, a farmer of this county, and to them were granted five children, namely: John, now deceased; Lizzie, the late wife of Benjamin Kreider; Susan, Mrs. Edward Grube; Samuel and Wilson. The husband and father departed this life September 5, 1891, and was preceded to the better land many years by his good wife, who passed away in 1852, when thirty-eight years of age.

The original of this sketch was reared upon his father's farm and obtained a good education in the common schools. When starting out in life for himself he operated a hotel in Neffsville and one at Mechanicsburg. In 1888 he returned to his home in Manheim Township, where he resided until his death, which occurred July 7, 1894. He was a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. In politics he was an ardent admirer of Republican principles and never failed to cast a vote in favor of that party's candidates.

In September, 1880, Wilson Brubaker and Miss Amanda, daughter of Christian Bumberger, were united in marriage. The father of Mrs. Brubaker is a hotel keeper in Millersville and stands high in the business community. To our subject and his estimable wife there were born four children, bearing the respective names of Wilson, Jr., Harrison, Ada and Mabel.



**D**SHERMAN SMITH, D. D. S., a practicing dentist in the city of Lancaster, was born in Lampeter Square, September 21, 1864. His father, Dr. John S. Smith, was born June 27, 1838, in Lancaster County, and the grandfather, Abraham Carpenter Smith, was also a native of the same county. The latter, who was of Scotch-Irish extraction, was a large farmer and stock-grower and operated a sawmill on Pequea Creek. He died in that locality at the age of seventy-one years. Dr. J. S. Smith was a graduate of the Pennsylvania Dental College at Philadelphia and received the title of D. D. S. in 1865. He served in the late war

as a Union soldier, being for a time a member of Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-second Regiment. Later he served in the Third Pennsylvania Artillery from February 8, 1864, to November, 1865. In the engagement at Chancellorsville he was struck by a shell.

After his return home Dr. Smith was graduated and began the practice of his chosen profession in Lampeter Square. Afterward he had an office at Columbia, and in 1879 moved to Lancaster, where his practice became very large. He continued in the profession until his death, December 18, 1892. He was also interested in the pension business and attended to many claims of soldiers in the late war. An honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic, he served as Commander of Post No. 405, and was also a member of the National Veterans' Legion, the Knights of the Golden Eagle and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was one of the organizers of the Harris Dental Association and was prominent in the State Dental Association, besides being a liberal contributor to dental journals. In 1881 he took a partial course in the medical and surgical department of Jefferson Medical College. He was a member of the Duke Street Methodist Church and was a prominent official of the same. Politically he was a Republican.

Of our subject's mother it may be said that she was born near Strasburg, the daughter of Daniel Kreider, who was a farmer in Lancaster County. On this side of the family they trace their ancestry back to Hance Herr, of 1710 fame, who was among the first settlers of Lancaster County. The mother still resides at the old homestead. There were five children in the family, four of whom are living, our subject being the eldest. He was educated in the Columbia and Lancaster public schools, graduating from the high school in 1882, after which he took up bookbinding with H. L. Trout, remaining thus engaged for four years, during which time he became a practical bookbinder. He then took a position on the *Philadelphia Press*, but in 1889 entered the Philadelphia Dental College, from which he was graduated in 1890 with the degree of D. D. S. He practiced with his father one year and then opened an office at No. 3 East King Street,

Lancaster, where he practices dentistry in all of its branches.

The Masonic fraternity, Lodge No. 43, A. F. & A. M., claims Dr. Smith as an honored member. In Lodge No. 143, B. P. O. E., he is an esteemed Loyal Knight. He is Chaplain in the military order of Sons of Veterans and belongs to George H. Thomas Post No. 19. In religious matters he is a member of the Duke Street Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party and is a member of the Executive Committee of "The Young Republicans." He was a delegate to the State Dental Association which met at Niagara Falls in 1892, and is a member of the Lancaster Local Board of Directors of the Anglo-American Building & Loan Association.



**E**MANUEL P. KELLER is engaged in farming pursuits in Manheim Township. His fine estate is supplied with every needful and convenient structure in the way of buildings, and beautified with fruit and forest trees, also small fruits. The energetic owner is the son of Adam and Elizabeth (Schafer) Keller, and was born on the old Keller homestead, located on the Lancaster Pike, one mile north of that city, April 18, 1816.

The grandfather of our subject, Charles Andrew Keller, was born in this state, of German descent, and located in this county when a young man, with his parents' family. He was a brass founder by trade, which business he followed during the active years of his life. He married Miss Barbara Bigler, by whom he became the father of the following named children, Anna Maria, John Peter, John, Andrew, Adam, Jacob, Sophia, Michael, Benjamin and Jeremiah.

Adam Keller, the father of our subject, learned the trade of a brass founder from his father, which he followed for some time, but devoted the greater part of his time and attention to rope-making, at which business he was an expert. Later in life he

purchased five acres of land, where our subject was born, erected a comfortable brick residence on the place and kept adding to it five acres at a time until he had forty acres. He derived a good income from the cultivation of his property, raising as much grain on the forty acres as many farmers would on one hundred.

In politics Adam Keller was a staunch Democrat and a member of the Franklin Benevolent Society. He worshiped with the Lutheran Church and in the congregation near his home filled the office of Trustee, being active in all church work and a man greatly respected in his community. He married Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Philip Schafer, of Baltimore, Md., and to them were born sixteen children, of whom nine grew to manhood and womanhood. The husband and father died in 1864, at the age of eighty years, having been born December 7, 1784. His good wife is also deceased, departing this life June 23, 1851. John Peter Keller, great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Germany and emigrated to the United States in 1760, locating in this state. He was married in the Fatherland and he and his wife, Anna Maria, departed this life in Lancaster County, where they were well and favorably known.

The original of this sketch received his education in the district school and when old enough to be of assistance worked on the home farm, thus becoming thoroughly prepared to assume the management of property of his own. When twenty-seven years of age he was married, and locating upon a tract of land in Manheim Township, has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits. He has been remarkably successful in his calling and by much hard work on his part, together with the assistance rendered by his estimable wife, he has accumulated a good property.

March 12, 1844, our subject and Miss Harriet B., daughter of John Shrap, were united in marriage. To them have been granted three children, namely: Julia Anna, John Adam and Mary Elizabeth. The father of Mrs. Keller was born in Pennsylvania, March 16, 1773. He was a well educated man and taught school for some time, together with carrying on a mercantile trade. Later in life however, he turned his attention to farming, and in 1827 moved

upon the estate now owned by our subject, and which is located on the Fruitville Pike, three miles from Lancaster. The year previous to selling his farm he tried his luck in the Union Canal Lottery and was fortunate enough to draw \$20,000, which together with the means which he already possessed, enabled him to spend his declining years amid comfort and luxury. He married Miss Julia A. Lightner, who came from one of the old and prominent families of the state, and to them were born three children, John L., now deceased; Mrs. Keller, and Mary A. The wife of our subject is a most estimable and worthy lady, and a devoted member of the Lutheran Church, to which Mr. Keller also belongs. In politics he is a strong Democrat. In 1872 he was elected County Commissioner for a term of three years. He always takes an active part in local affairs and has served as a member of the School Board on numerous occasions.



**J**OSEPH H. RATHFON for a period of five years was City Treasurer of Lancaster, and acquitted himself with great ability and to the satisfaction of everyone in the discharge of the important duties of that position. On the change of administration in 1892 he retired from the office, but in April, 1894, was honored by being re-elected to the post which he holds at the present time. He makes a reliable and trustworthy official, keeping his accounts in a very systematic manner, and by all who have dealings with him is considered a most courteous and affable gentleman. He is a native of this city, his birth having here occurred July 6, 1856.

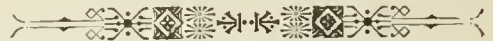
The Rathfon family are descendants of Swiss refugees who came to this state several generations since and assisted in the upbuilding and development of the community in which they located. Joseph, the grandfather of J. H., was born in Conestoga Township, of this county, and during his lifetime followed agricultural pursuits, being the

owner of a large tract of land lying along the Conestoga Creek. During his whole life he resided in the township of that name, where his death occurred in 1822. His only child was Jacob, who was born on the old homestead, and in his youth learned the tailor's trade. This has been his calling since that time, and for many years he has carried on a clothing business in Lancaster, since 1867 having been a member of the firm of Samuel M. Myers & Rathfon, at No. 12 East King Street. A very ardent Republican, he has served as a member of the Common Council from the First Ward, and was elected to serve on the School Board from the same ward. His second term in that capacity was as a member from the Sixth Ward, and he is very conscientious in the discharge of public duties. Religiously for many years past he has served as a Vestryman in the Lutheran Church, and is at present a Trustee. April 30, 1844, he married Miss Mary L. Brown, and of their union were born the following children: Mary E., Gilbert B., William P., John E., J. H. and Melvin H. The eldest of the family, Mary, became the wife of Christian Rine, Jr., who died February 20, 1887.

The subject of this biography attended the public schools of the city until about fifteen years of age, when he started out to make his own livelihood. Deciding to become a printer, he entered the *Intelligencer* office, serving an apprenticeship at the trade, upon the completion of which he worked on the *New Era* for a period of three years. Later he obtained a position in the postoffice as a Money Order clerk, and acted as such from February, 1881, until August 5, 1885. For about two years succeeding this he was engaged with his father in the clothing business, but in April, 1887, was elected City Treasurer, and in 1892, when he resigned his place, he returned to his father's store, there remaining for about two years.

On the 1st of October, 1878, occurred the marriage of Mr. Rathfon and Mary E., daughter of George H. Hartman, a well known resident of this city. Our subject and his estimable wife had a little son, who was named George H. in honor of his grandfather, but who was called from their home by the death angel, December 13, 1880, at the age of fifteen months. The parents are mem-

bers of St. John's Episcopal Church of this city, and lend their assistance to worthy benevolences. Mr. Rathfon is an able business man and financier, and in all circles in which he moves numbers many very true and sincere friends and acquaintances, who esteem him highly for his known qualities of integrity and uprightness.



**F**RANK RIED DIFFENDERFFER, a well known journalist of Lancaster and Secretary of the Pennsylvania German Society, was born in New Holland, Lancaster County, Pa., April 30, 1833. He is of German ancestry, and the fifth in the line of descent from John Diffenderffer, a native of Nehrisheim, near Heidelberg, in the Palatinate. He sailed from Rotterdam in the ship "William and Sarah," reaching Philadelphia September 18, 1727, and soon afterward settled in this county. David Diffenderffer, his grandfather, was first a volunteer in the Continental army during the Revolution, and later became a commissioned officer. He participated in the capture of the Hessians at Trenton in 1776, in the second bombardment of that place in 1777, and in the battle of Princeton, where he was taken prisoner, and was one of the famous "sugar house" captives. He was at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777-78, at the battles of Monmouth in the latter year, and served under General Sullivan in the memorable campaign against the Six Nations in western New York in 1779.

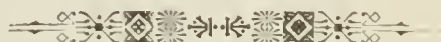
The subject of this article was educated in the public schools of his native place and at Marshall College. He was trained to the business of a book seller, which pursuit he followed for six years in Lancaster. In 1857 he removed to Mexico, where he engaged in general merchandising for a period of fifteen years. In 1871 he returned to this city, and in conjunction with his two brothers started the banking house of Diffenderffer Bros.

In 1877 Mr. Diffenderffer became one of the editors of the *New Era*, one of the most influen-

tial and successful newspapers in eastern Pennsylvania. Since then he has been a voluminous writer, not only for his own paper, but also for state and national publications. He is the author of the history of "The Three Earls" (townships in Lancaster County), and of numerous historical articles on matters of local interest. He is the Secretary of the Lancaster County Agricultural and Horticultural Society, and a member of the Linnean Scientific and Historical Society and of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. He was one of the founders of the Pennsylvania German Society, the first meeting looking to the formation of this organization having met in his office at his invitation. Although only four years old, this society has advanced rapidly in influence and membership. Its aim and object are to perpetuate the memory and deeds of the ancestors of the members, search out, collect and preserve still existing documents relating to the early history of these people, and to publish such as shall set forth the part belonging to them in the growth and development of American institutions and progress. The membership is composed of the lineal descendants of the early German and Swiss immigrants, and includes many of the most prominent and influential citizens of the state. Of this society, Mr. Diffenderffer has been the Secretary since its organization, and has edited the four volumes of "Papers and Proceedings" already published, and in this capacity has shown enterprise, zeal and ability in producing works at once attractive in appearance and of high literary merit. He was also one of the founders of the Lancaster County Historical Society, and the first Secretary of the Lancaster County Forestry Association.

Although an ardent Republican, Mr. Diffenderffer has never been allured by the attractions of political life, though he may claim to be among the founders of his party, as he was, when a young man, the Secretary of the first Republican club formed in this county, this being in 1856. He has served in the Councils of Lancaster City, and was twice Acting Vice-Consul of the United States in the city of El Paso, Mexico. Living in the largest tobacco-growing county in the United States, Mr. Diffenderffer, through his journalistic

relations, has naturally made tobacco and the statistics on the subject a study. For both the state and general Government he has written extensively on this topic, having prepared the article on this industry in Pennsylvania which appeared in the Tenth Census Report, and is an acknowledged authority on matters pertaining to this subject. In the year 1873 our subject was married to Miss Annie S. Sprenger, and one son, Harold Frank by name, has resulted from their union.



**E**DWARD CONROY is one of the enterprising and progressive business men of Lancaster, being proprietor of the South Queen Street green-houses. He is a practical florist, having served his full time at the trade and has become well acquainted with its various details. As the result of his business ability, industry and perseverance, he has succeeded in building up a fine trade and has a nice appearing row of green-houses fitted out in the most approved methods.

Edward Conroy was born near Jersey City, N. J., November 19, 1856. His father, Patrick Conroy, was a native of Ireland and was reared in Maryland to agricultural pursuits. Locating in New Jersey, he there successfully engaged in carrying on a farm until his death, at the extreme old age of eighty-seven years. His wife, who was in her maiden days Ann Chrisom, was likewise a native of the Emerald Isle, and was the mother of six sons and one daughter.

On attaining the age of eighteen years, Edward Conroy commenced learning the business of floriculture with Judge Lathrop, at Madison, N. J. At the end of three years, during which time he was assiduous in his attention and interest in the work, he began traveling and continued his journeys through Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. In 1887 Mr. Conroy located in Lancaster, believing that this would be a favorable point for a young man of enterprise

and ability to start in business, and the result has shown the wisdom of his decision. Necessarily commencing on a small scale, he rented a green-house in the west end and was situated there for three years, during which time he built up a good reputation in his line of work and laid the foundation for his future success. In 1890 he took charge of the green-house which he now operates. This plant he laid out and has rebuilt, being the first person to occupy the premises. The six green-houses are models of their kind and cover a large extent of space, five of the number being 100x20 feet and the other 120x16 feet in dimensions. Mr. Conroy is an adept in the line of decorative work, making a specialty of getting up beautiful designs. He has a large trade in cut flowers by the wholesale, and is making a good success of his business. Since becoming associated with this work he has been a member of the American Florists' Society, and studies the best magazines and papers on the subject.

In 1884 Mr. Conroy was married in Jersey City to Miss Ann Martin, a native of New York State, and of their union have been born four children, Ann, Mary, Helen and Edward. The parents are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and politically our subject uses his influence in favor of the Democratic party. He is a young man of integrity in his business efforts and numbers many warm friends in this locality.



**F**RANK I. BIEMESDERFER, M. D., who comes from one of the respected pioneer families of Lancaster County, is an enterprising physician and surgeon who has succeeded in building up a fine and paying practice in Lancaster. His father, one of the influential citizens of this place until his recent death, was John Biemesderfer, whose birth occurred in Elizabeth Township. His father who bore the same Christian name, was born in that township and for

years was a cabinet maker, later devoting himself to agricultural pursuits. He was of German lineage, a member of the Lutheran Church and was seventy years of age on his demise in 1879. The Doctor's father also learned the furniture trade, which he followed for some years successfully, then took charge of the old Keller mill just east of Lititz. Subsequently he abandoned the milling business and engaged in running an hotel after the war. He was in the one hundred days' service at that time and was a member of the City Council of Manheim for years. For a period of nine years he was proprietor of the Rothville Hotel and then for fourteen years ran the American Railroad House of Manheim. For a term of five years he was in charge of the Lancaster County House on East King Street, but retired January 1, 1894, on account of ill health. He was called from this life February 12 of that year, and was placed to rest in Manheim. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and politically was a Republican.

The mother of the Doctor was before her marriage Caroline Ressler. She was born near Lititz, in Pine Hill, in which vicinity her father, Isaac Ressler, was also born. He was a farmer of German descent and his death occurred when he was in the prime of life, he being only forty-five years of age. Mrs. Biemesderfer is still living, her home being in Lancaster. Of her six children the Doctor is the only one living, the others having died in childhood.

In the fall of 1883, after receiving a good public and high school education at Manheim, Dr. Biemesderfer entered the Millersville Normal School, from which he graduated three years later with the degree of Bachelor of Elements. Afterwards he taught school quite successfully for one year at Lancaster Junction and then devoted himself to the study of medicine with Dr. C. J. Snavely, a leading physician of Manheim. In 1888 he became a student of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, receiving his diploma and the degree of Doctor of Medicine on his graduation in 1891. Commencing his professional career he located in Lancaster, having his office at No. 212 East King Street. He has built up a good reputation and a remunerative practice, his office be-

ing now at No. 527 Church Street. He is on the medical staff of St. Joseph's Hospital and belongs to the Lancaster County and City Medical Societies, as well as to the Pathological Society. As a member of the Young Men's Republican Club he is greatly interested in politics. Fraternally he is associated with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Benevolent Order of Elks. For several years he was organist of the Manheim Lutheran Church, and while at Millersville devoted considerable time to the study of the art, afterward teaching for awhile. He is a member of the Lutheran Church of this city and is a young man of good principle, integrity and honor.



**HENRY DRACHBAR.** As a representative of the business element, to whose progressive spirit and superior abilities is due much of the prosperity enjoyed by Lancaster, we present the name of Mr. Drachbar, who is well known not alone in this city, but also throughout the county. His entire life has been spent in the town where he now resides. Here he was born November 10, 1848, to the union of Henry and Anna Donner Drachbar. The family is of German origin, the paternal grandfather of our subject, Anthony Drachbar, having been born in Hesse-Cassel. He was a Catholic and died in that faith at the age of sixty-five years.

The father of our subject, Henry Drachbar, was the third in order of birth among five children. He was born in Hesse-Cassel and there resided until thirty years of age, when, accompanied by his wife and two children, he started across the Atlantic intending to locate in America. One child died during the voyage. Arriving in the United States he settled in New Jersey, but shortly afterward removed to Pennsylvania and made settlement in Lancaster County, where he continued to reside until his death. He was a brick layer

and stone mason by trade, and engaged as a contractor, doing a large business throughout the county. In religious belief he was a member of the Catholic Church and belonged to the Catholic beneficial societies. Politically he was a Democrat. He died in 1881, aged sixty-five years. His wife passed away in 1887, at the age of sixty-eight years. Their children, seven in number, were named as follows: Philip B., Henry, Mary, Albert, Clara, John and Kate.

Remaining with his parents until attaining manhood, Mr. Drachbar meantime was the recipient of common school advantages. He selected for his occupation that in which his father had previously engaged, and for some time assisted the latter in his work as a brick layer and mason. At the present time he is in partnership with his brother Philip. In this line of work he is one of the most prominent and successful business men of Lancaster, and in his employ at one time had as many as thirty-eight skilled workmen. Among the contracts which he has had may be mentioned the following: the Franklin and Schiller Hotels, St. Joseph's Hospital and Academy; Ann, South Princee, New, Manor and Walnut Street Schools, Lancaster Caramel Works, Lancaster County Trust Company Building, Williams & Foster large store, the old umbrella factory, Girard House, Steinman & Co. Building, *Inquirer* Building, Southern and Western Markets, Arnold and Heinitsh Blocks, Science and Library Building at Millersville, Lancaster Carriage Works, and innumerable warehouses.

In politics a Democrat, Mr. Drachbar is interested in all measures pertaining to his party. He is a progressive citizen and is a warm advocate of every project calculated to promote the welfare of people. He has served as Street Commissioner, and at one time was candidate for the Legislature, but the Democratic party being in the minority he was defeated with the rest of the ticket. He is a member of the Catholic Church, and belongs to St. Leo's Beneficial Society and the Shanahan Catholic Beneficial League. With the Maennerchor Singing Society he is also associated, and for many years was President of the organization.

February 22, 1881, Mr. Drachbar was united in marriage with Miss Kate, daughter of Francis and

Barbara Hiemenz. They have had nine children, namely: John, Francis, Mary, Jerome, Helen, Vincent, Julia, Henry and Raymond. Of these, Mary, Helen, Vincent, Julia and Henry are deceased.



REV. D. WESLEY BICKSLER was one of the prime movers and founders of the Lancaster General Hospital, of which he is now Superintendent, and deserves great credit for his zealous and disinterested efforts in getting the institution established. He had always believed that Lancaster ought to have a general and non-sectarian hospital. One day in 1892, on meeting one of the members of his lodge of the Knights of Malta, he broached the idea he had in mind, and at their next lodge meeting an address on the advisability of starting a general hospital here was delivered by Rev. Mr. Bicksler. A committee was appointed to look into the matter and he was made one of the same. The committee organized by electing Reuben Bertzfield as Chairman and H. M. Hlyus Secretary. After they had worked for a few months they decided to issue a circular to all the Protestant churches and benevolent orders of the city, asking them to appoint committees of three members from each organization. They met in convention in the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association, Rev. Mr. Bicksler being made President of the meeting and temporary President of the Board of Directors. The charter for the hospital was finally granted in September, 1893, one article for the same making it a regular training school for nurses. The institution was opened December 19, 1893, and the success of this new enterprise is now assured.

The birth of Rev. Mr. Bicksler occurred in Bethel Township, Berks County, December 15, 1851, and in that same locality also occurred the birth of his father, David S., and his grandfather, Daniel Bicksler. His great-great-grandfather, who bore the Christian name of Peter, emigrated from Switzerland and took up land in Pennsylvania, on which

the four succeeding generations were born. The father of our subject was a farmer and owned the old homestead, and among other family relics had an old Bible, which is now in the possession of Rev. Mr. Bicksler. About 1880 his father sold the old farm and removed to Ohio, where he passed his remaining years. His wife, Anna, was a daughter of Daniel Bicksler, of Fredericksburg, Pa. She became the mother of seven children: Mrs. Anna Bucher, of Altoona, Pa.; Charles A. and Francis D., residents of Ohio; A. Lincoln, who resides in Nebraska; Mrs. Lizzie Ransbarger, of Troy Grove, La Salle County, Ill.; our subject, D. Wesley, and Aaron J., who died in infancy.

The youth of Rev. Mr. Bicksler was passed in assisting his father in the care of the old homestead, and his education was acquired in the common schools. When about eighteen years old he began serving an apprenticeship to the shoemaker's trade, and at the same time privately prepared for the ministry. After having been licensed to preach, he further pursued a theological course in Central Pennsylvania College, then called Union Seminary. He first filled several vacancies and then took a regular charge in Halifax, Pa., where he remained for a year. He was next placed on the Brownstown circuit in this county, and during the years which followed he was successively in charge of congregations at Birdsboro and Womelsdorf, Berks County; Mt. Joy, Lancaster County; Dauphin charge, Dauphin County; Barnesville, Schuylkill County; and White Haven, Luzerne County. In 1891 he came to Lancaster to take charge of the First Evangelical Church on North Water Street. This building is quite an old one, having been erected in 1840, and the congregation was served by our subject until July, 1893, when he was elected Superintendent of the hospital. For the past five years he has been Statistical Secretary of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Association, and has faithfully devoted his best efforts to advancing his Master's cause and to zealous work in His vine yard.

Rev. Mr. Bicksler was married in Akron, Lancaster County, in September, 1881, to Miss Almada B., daughter of Samuel K. and Fannie Wolf. The



former is now retired from business and is a Director in the Lincoln National Bank of this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Bicksler were born the following children, who are living: Samuel D., Anna L., Harry E., Charles L. and Minnie E. Rev. Mr. Bicksler is a member of the Knights of Malta, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.



**R**EV. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHMIDT is pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, which is situated on St. Joseph Street, Lancaster. This congregation is one of the largest and most prosperous in the city, and was organized about 1869 by Father Tamachin. Father Schmidt celebrated his silver jubilee in 1894, it having been just twenty-five years since he was ordained a Priest in the Cathedral of Philadelphia.

The birth of the Reverend Father occurred in the village of Ornbau, on the River Altmuehl, Bavaria, May 9, 1846. His paternal grandfather, Adam Schmidt, was an agriculturist, and his father, who bore the Christian name of Martin, was a native of the same district. He learned the trade of a mason and stone cutter, and in 1854, with his family, set sail for America, going by way of Bremen, with Baltimore as his destination. In the last named city he remained for about three years working at his trade and thence went to York, Pa., where he continued actively engaged in work until he retired. He was a resident of York until his decease, August 5, 1894. His wife, who before her marriage was Barbara Kautz, was born in Bavaria, being a daughter of a farmer, Adam Kautz by name. Six children graced the union of Martin and Barbara Schmidt, but only three of the number are now living. The devoted wife and mother is a resident of York, and is eighty-four years of age.

Father Schmidt, who was next to the eldest in his father's family, attended the common schools

of Baltimore and the parochial school of St. Mary's, in York, until 1859. At that time he entered St. Vincent's College at Latrobe, where he pursued a complete course in the classics, after which he was enrolled as a student in the St. Charles' Seminary in Philadelphia, which is located at the corner of Eighteenth and Race Streets. After completing the required course of theology and philosophy he was ordained, on January 2, 1869, by Bishop C. Shanahan, the first Bishop of the Harrisburg diocese. The young Priest's first charge was as an assistant at St. Mary's, Lebanon, Pa., where he remained only until May, 1869, thence going to the Harrisburg Cathedral, where he was an assistant for about five months. The succeeding three years he was pastor of St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Danville, Pa., and next officiated as Priest in St. Joseph's Church at Renovo, Clinton County, until October, 1878. During this time, under his auspices, the present church and school were erected and great progress was made in every department of church work. In October, 1878, Father Schmidt returned to Danville and once more took charge of St. Hubert's congregation, over which he presided for ten years.

On the death of Father John Grotmeyer, of St. Joseph's Church, Father Schmidt was assigned the position, this being in 1888, and he at once took charge of the congregation. In 1891 the parochial residence was built at a cost of \$20,000, a new pipe organ has been placed in the church at a cost of \$4,000, and five sanctuary windows have been placed in the church. These were imported from Europe and represent the five Joyful Mysteries. They are considered by judges to be very fine works of art and their cost was some \$1,500. The church owns nearly one block of land on which it is situated, and six acres of land adjoining the city, on which is located the St. Joseph's Cemetery. St. Joseph's congregation numbers over four hundred families, or about two thousand persons; the altar sodality has three hundred members, the solidity of the Blessed Virgin three hundred and fifty members, and the St. Peter and St. James Societies for men also number many regular attendants and members. In the parochial school which is carried on in connection with the church

there are seven sisters of the St. Francis Order. On the occasion of the silver jubilee of Father Schmidt, which was celebrated at the rectory, there was a large attendance of many notable people and members of the clergy. Of the latter there were over thirty-five present and among these was the celebrated Bishop Thomas McGovern.



## HON. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS ATLEE.

When mention is made of the influential citizens of Lancaster, those who have attained positions of especial prominence in the pulpit, at the Bar, on the Bench, or in the avenues of commerce, the mind at once reverts to the subject of this biographical notice, who has been a life long resident of this city. His entire active career has been devoted to the legal profession, and his researches and culture have moulded him into a type of lawyer which in dignity, ability and learning marks the highest order of his profession. By constant application, broad knowledge and extended practice, he has gained a wide reputation as a reliable counsel and successful advocate.

There is no family in Lancaster whose origin is more noble or whose history more honorable than that represented by our subject. His father, Dr. John Light Atlee, whose sketch is elsewhere presented, was a physician and surgeon of national reputation, and one of the most eminent men of Lancaster. William Augustus was born in this city January 9, 1832, and received the rudiments of his education in the public schools of this place. Later he entered Yale College, and from that institution in 1851 he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Subsequently, in 1854, the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by the same college.

Immediately after completing his literary studies, Mr. Atlee commenced to read law under Thomas E. Franklin, and after three years of study was admitted to the Bar, in August, 1854. Since that

time he has devoted his attention to his large and varied practice. He has allowed no outside matters to interfere with his profession. Neither the allurements of public office nor the winning smiles of fortune tempt him from the chosen labor of his life. Only one thing ever caused him to lay aside his books and papers, and that was the peril of the Government during the dark days of the Civil War. With true patriotic spirit he responded to the first call for troops, which was issued by President Lincoln in 1861. Volunteering as a private, his name was enrolled as a member of Company F, First Pennsylvania Infantry. He was mustered in at Harrisburg for three months and was honorably discharged at the expiration of the time.

In the summer of 1862, when the call for troops was issued at the battle of Antietam, among those who responded was Captain Atlee, of Company A, Twelfth Pennsylvania Militia. In the summer of 1863, when the emergency call came at the time of the battle of Gettysburg, he served as Captain of Company F, Fiftieth Pennsylvania Militia. Politically he has always championed Republican principles, and has long been a leader in the councils of the party. In 1856 he was Chairman of the Republican County Committee. From 1865 until 1868 he served as District Attorney. He enjoys the distinction of having been the first Republican Mayor of Lancaster, having been elected in 1869 upon the straight Republican ticket. He filled the office for a term of two years, but did not discontinue his practice in the meantime.

At Lancaster, October 14, 1857, occurred the marriage of Mr. Atlee and Miss Elizabeth Champneys, who was born in this city. Mrs. Atlee's father was the late Judge Benjamin Champneys, formerly a prominent attorney of this place and Judge of the courts. They are the parents of three living children, Benjamin C., John L. and Elizabeth S. Socially, Mr. Atlee is a Mason of the Royal Arch degree, and is also a member of the George H. Thomas Post No. 84, G. A. R. He is one of the charter members of the Lancaster Law Library Association. For years he has been one of the most active men in the vestry of St. James Episcopal Church and is a regular attendant at its services. When at leisure from professional du-





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ties, he finds pleasant relaxation from business cares in the society of his family and in social intercourse with his friends. He is a man of genial disposition, and is always happiest when welcoming and entertaining his guests at the family residence on the corner of North Duke and Orange Streets.



**J** M. W. GEIST. Throughout the Keystone State there is no name held in higher honor than that of the "Nestor of journalism," who is the subject of this biographical sketch. Associated with the newspaper business for a half-century, he enjoys the distinction of being the oldest editor in Lancaster County, but though now in the twilight of life his pen is as vigorous and his utterances as forcible as in days of yore. With all the enterprises tending to the improvement of his city and county he has been intimately connected, and both through the press and by personal influence he has promoted the welfare of his fellow-men.

The Lancaster *New Era*, of which Mr. Geist is editor, is one of the leading papers of this section of Pennsylvania. It has a circulation of over fourteen thousand and is read by many thousands more. In 1891 the plant was removed to Nos. 39 and 41 North Queen Street, where a commodious and substantial building has been erected for its accommodation. The location is central and convenient, and the building admirably adapted to the business, which occupies its entire extent. The structure contains an area of over twelve thousand square feet, is three stories in height and is built of brick, with stone trimmings.

The first floor is occupied with the business office and delivery room in front and the press room in the rear, the two being separated by oaken paneled wainscoting under a double arch supported on iron columns and filled in with glass. The entire length of this floor is one hundred and six feet. Next to the business office, on a solid brick

and stone foundation built up from the cellar, stands one of the latest improved perfecting, printing and folding machines, built for the *New Era*. It takes the paper from a roll, prints both sides and folds, delivers and counts the papers at the rate of twenty-four thousand copies per hour of a single folio, or twelve thousand double folios. In the same room are an Adams press, a large drum cylinder, a two-revolution book press and a pony job press. The machinery and the freight elevator are run by a twenty horse-power Perret Electric Motor.

In the rear of the press room and connected with it is a two-story building. The lower floor is used as a stereotyping department and is furnished with a complete outfit for newspaper and job work. The second floor is occupied by the job printing department, furnished with seven presses and other latest improved appliances for first-class work, and that of the building in the rear is utilized as a stock room. On the third floor are the compositors department and the editorial rooms. The building is lighted with Edison incandescent lamps, is also supplied with gas fixtures and has two fire proof vaults.

Having thus briefly outlined a sketch of the *New Era* it will be of interest to our readers to place on record some facts concerning the editor. Mr. Geist was born in Bart Township, Lancaster County, December 11, 1824, and is of German and Scotch descent. He was orphaned by his mother's death when he was a boy, and his father having lost his eyesight before J. M. W. was born, the latter was early in life thrown upon his own resources. Educational advantages in those days were meagre, both the school buildings and the quality of instruction being very crude. However, as he grew toward manhood he eagerly availed himself of every opportunity for acquiring knowledge, and so rapid was his progress that at the age of sixteen he began to teach school. He had no ambition to make this his life occupation, nor was he particularly impressed with the medical profession, though he commenced its study at the earnest solicitation of friends.

While a student Mr. Geist wrote occasional articles for contemporaneous journals, and his ability

being recognized, he soon drifted into the printing and stereotyping business, in both of which arts he acquired proficiency. His first venture in the journalistic field was as publisher and editor of the *Lancaster Reformer*, which responsible position he assumed at less than twenty years of age. On account of lack of funds he was obliged to abandon the enterprise, but subsequently renewed it at Harrisburg in partnership with U. J. Jones. In 1846 he edited an independent Democratic paper called the *Yeoman*, which was largely instrumental in defeating William B. Foster, the Democratic candidate for State Canal Commissioner. In 1847 he was news editor of the *Pennsylvanian*, published by Hamilton & Fooney in Philadelphia. In 1848 and 1849 he furnished editorial and literary contributions to the *Columbia Spy* and *Lancaster Express*.

Subsequently returning to Philadelphia, Mr. Geist became the assistant editor of the *Quaker City*, a literary journal edited by George Lippard, and news editor of the *Evening Argus*, published under the same auspices. Later he became editor of the *Sunday Globe*, and was afterward similarly employed with the *Sunday Mercury*. During his editorial management the *Globe* increased its circulation from two thousand to nearly twenty thousand per week. From 1852 until 1856 he was editor of the *Weekly Express* at Lancaster, and when the *Daily Express* was established, during the year last named, he and John H. Pearsol began its publication. This they continued until the fall of 1876, when the *Express* was sold and consolidated with the *Lancaster Examiner*. Mr. Geist served as editor of the consolidated journal until March, 1877, when he resigned, owing to a difference between himself and the political policy of the publisher.

In April, 1877, a stock company was being formed by the independent element of Lancaster County to establish a journal that should voice that sentiment. A large sum of money had already been subscribed when Hon. John B. Warfel, then just retired from the State Senate, agreed to assume the financial responsibility of the new paper. This was adopted, being considered a more feasible plan than the stock company. In this way

commenced the partnership of Warfel & Geist and the publication of the *New Era*, the senior partner devoting his attention to the business management, and the junior partner taking the editorship.

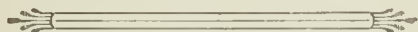
For many years Mr. Geist served as Vice-President of the Young Men's Christian Association, and his indefatigable exertions on several occasions saved that organization and its fine library from being financially stranded. He also aided in securing the choice collection of books that has attracted to the Association Hall the young men of the city, thus affording a healthful mental stimulus. In religious belief he is identified with St. John's Free Episcopal Church, in which he has been a Vestryman for nearly forty years, and to the growth of which he has largely contributed.

There is no man more highly esteemed than Mr. Geist among the newspaper fraternity. From the editorial columns of a local contemporary we quote the following: "To Mr. Geist journalism has been from earliest manhood an absorbing passion. Nothing that detracted from it, nothing that interfered with it in the slightest degree did he ever allow to come between him and his darling pursuit. Public office of a lucrative character has been offered him again and again, and at times when he sorely stood in need of its added emoluments, but with a rare singleness of purpose, ever true to his calling, he always turned his back upon politics and its allurements except as these contributed to replenish the news columns of his paper, or were made to fill out the chosen work of his busy life calling. And what a life's work in has been!

"Editor Geist wielded his magnificent pen through the heroic age of American history. It has often been remarked that the great generals who fought in the war were fortunate in the happy coincidence that they came upon that stage in the prime of life. The same happy coincidence attended the career of Mr. Geist; in the strength of middle life, with a rich and varied journalistic experience behind him, he presided over the best newspaper this county then possessed, at a period when the war lashed to fury every element of society. He employed his sacred office of teacher and preacher combined to sound the bugle notes of warning and call men to duty

and to battle in behalf of an imperiled nation with the fidelity of a man who loved his country only next to his God."

In closing an extended account of the life and works of Mr. Geist another contemporary says: "It gives us pleasure to record so full a life as this in making up the record of the leading men of this state in the line of public journalism, and it once more emphasizes in a marked degree the fact that for honest, industrious, high-minded, true-hearted men, there is room in our noble calling; and that success is not alone to be gauged by the standard of this grabbing age in dollars and cents, but in all that goes to make up a full rounded character. Mr. Geist exemplifies in his life's work that manhood and courage must not be lost sight of and that the greatest journalist, even in these times, can be the best citizen."



**E**DWARD KRECKEL for thirty-seven years has been engaged in the harness business, and by attending strictly to his financial interests has built up a fine local reputation, and many years has transacted \$20,000 worth of business. His shop is centrally located at No. 30 Penn Square, Lancaster, where everything in the line of saddles, harness, trunks, robes, blankets, etc., may be procured. The store is a substantial building, 20x100 feet in dimensions, with three floors and a basement, which are crowded with the largest and most complete line of goods in this business in the city.

Mr. Kreckel was born October 9, 1839, in Nassau, Germany. His parents were John and Catharine (Gilbert) Kreckel. The former was a native of the same town as his son, and received an excellent education, later turning his attention to agricultural pursuits. He served for seven years in the army, being with Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo. In 1842 he removed to the United States with his wife and four children, and set-

ting in this city, made his home here until his death. As he was possessed of considerable means, he lived retired from business most of the time after settling here. His death occurred on the 1st of July, 1867, at the age of seventy-four years. He was twice married, by his first union having three children, and by his second union two children, Edward and Rose. The mother, who was born in 1802, is still living. The father was one of the organizers of St. Joseph's Society, and was a very active member of the Catholic Church. In his political proclivities he sided with the Whig party.

Edward Kreckel received a private and public school education until reaching his thirteenth year in Lancaster. At that time he was employed in the Conestoga Cotton Factory. Again for a short time he was in the cotton mill after having served as an errand boy for a hat store. Deciding to become a harness maker, he served an apprenticeship at that trade, and after completing the same started in business on a small scale at Fairfield, Drumore Township, this county, selling out at the end of a year. Returning to Lancaster, he was engaged in business for a short period, and then going west, located at Louisville, Ky., in the same line of trade. In 1857 he returned to Lancaster, entering the employ of B. Yecker, with whom he continued until October, 1860. For the next two decades he gave his faithful assistance to M. Haberbush, and finally, in June, 1881, opened a shop of his own at No. 4 East King Street, which was his headquarters for the following seven years. Succeeding this he was for three years situated at No. 5 East King Street, opposite his former location, and in 1891 purchased his old employer's business, where he has since been engaged in trade. Eight men are constantly employed to fill orders, and his trade extends over this and adjoining counties, the site of the business being the oldest in the city.

In 1859 Mr. Kreckel married Catharine, daughter of Charles Rice, of this city, a weaver by trade. To this marriage the following children were born: Mary, wife of Fred C. Ruof, of the Central Cafe, Lancaster; Edward and John (twins), who assist their father in business; Catherine S.;

Luey and Charles (twins), the latter of whom died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Kreckel are members of the Roman Catholic Church, and he belongs to St. Peter and St. Joseph Beneficiary Societies. Although often solicited to serve in political offices, he has constantly refused, though he is a good Democrat. Though he commenced life a poor boy, he has become well-to-do by his own efforts.



**H**ENRY GOOD for over fifty years has been one of the residents of Pequea Township, his postoffice being Martickville, Lancaster County. He comes of one of the honored early families of this district, who have been supporters of the old Mennonite Church, and have been noted for their industrious and thrifty qualities. The paternal grandfather, John Good was born and reared in this township, and was a very successful financier. He succeeded in making a nice little fortune in his various enterprises as a farmer, miller and distiller. For many years he was Justice of the Peace, and politically was a Democrat. By his marriage with Miss Kreider, he had seven children, as follows: Christian, Barbara (wife of George Woffel), Jacob, John, Elizabeth (wife of Benjamin Kaufman), one who died in infancy unnamed, and Daniel.

Christian, the father of Henry Good, was born January 1, 1796, and was reared in Pequea Township. Upon arriving at man's estate, he was united in marriage with Catherine Breneman. As soon as he had acquired sufficient means, he became the owner of a good farm in Pequea Township, and for the rest of his life was active in its cultivation. In time his resources increased until he became quite wealthy. Politically he was a supporter of the Democratic party, and, like his father before him, belonged to the old Mennonite Church. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children: John; Maria, who became the wife of Jacob Good; Barbara, Mrs. Harnish; Mamie, deceased;

one who died before receiving a name; Elizabeth, Mrs. Hoover; Christian, Henry, Elias, Jacob and Abram.

Henry Good was born September 7, 1836, in Pequea Township, where he grew to manhood and was given good common-school advantages. In his boyhood he was trained to farm life by his father, and when sixteen years old commenced in earnest to make his own livelihood. From that time until the present, he has succeeded almost entirely by his own unassisted efforts, and owes it to his perseverance in whatever he has undertaken that he is now well-to-do. The farm on which he was born and now lives contains one hundred and eleven acres, and is under high cultivation. Year by year the owner has gathered rich harvests in return for his care and labor. In religion he is a Mennonite, belonging to the old congregation with which his ancestors have been identified for several generations. In politics he votes for Republican measures and candidates, and, like a true patriot, tries in every possible way to uphold the public good. For one term he served acceptably as Supervisor of the township, and also acted in the capacity of School Director for one term.

On the 31st of January, 1861, Mr. Good was married to Miss Susan Miller. The lady is the daughter of Martin Miller, was born in Martick Township March 4, 1840, and there passed her girlhood. Mr. and Mrs. Good have become the parents of two children, their names being respectively, Louisa and Henry M.



**C**OL. WILLIAM R. GERHART, A. M., is one of the youngest men ever commissioned Colonel in the United States Army, and is a veteran of the late Civil War. He has an office at No. 31 North Duke Street, Lancaster, and is engaged as a patent solicitor, having a very successful business, which extends to other states. His professional career, as well as his war record, redounds greatly to his honor and credit. He is a

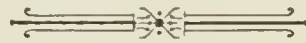


man of extended information and is a very interesting conversationalist.

Colonel Gerhart was born in Gettysburg, Pa., January 10, 1844, being a son of E. V. Gerhart, D. D., LL. D., President of the theological seminary in Lancaster. (See his sketch elsewhere in this volume.) The Colonel is the oldest child in his father's family and passed his boyhood principally in this city. Here he acquired the main part of his education, and in 1859 entered the Freshman Class of Franklin and Marshall College, from which he graduated in 1863 with the degree of Bachelor of Art. Soon after his enlistment in the army his Alma Mater conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts, and that year, on account of the war, there were no commencement exercises. In 1862 he was Lieutenant of the State Militia called out at the time of the battle of Antietam. In June, 1863, he was enlisted in Independent Battery I, Pennsylvania Artillery, as First Sergeant, and later became Second Lieutenant. With his battery he went to Philadelphia and thence to Harper's Ferry. In the spring of 1864 he was commissioned Major of the One Hundred and Twenty-first United States colored troops. Going to Kentucky, he served in that state, and later was transferred to the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth United States Colored Infantry, of which he later became Colonel, and from Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., marched with his regiment across the plains to New Mexico, taking the old Santa Fe trail through that state and Colorado as far as El Paso, Tex. This was a difficult and hazardous march of some thirteen hundred miles through a hostile country, all the Indians being on the war path, and consumed about three months. The march was accomplished successfully without the loss of animals or materials. The regiment remained in New Mexico about a year and a-half, protecting the settlements against hostile Indians until 1867, and returned in December of that year. They had several skirmishes with the Indians at Ft. Craig and other points, and after being mustered out at Ft. Leavenworth, returned to their respective homes.

Colonel Gerhart returned to Lancaster and became City Engineer or Regulator, occupying that position for four years and a-half. In 1876 he

opened his office as solicitor of patents, and has succeeded in becoming widely known and has all the business he can well look after. Fraternally he is a Grand Army man, being a member of George H. Thomas Post No. 81, and is Past Commander of the Knights of the Mystic Chain. In politics he is a staunch Republican. The wife of the Colonel, Miss Ella Carpenter, whom he married in this city in 1882, is a native of the place, and a daughter of the late William Carpenter, who was a prominent man, having held the office of prothonotary.



**M**ARTIN W. GROFF. Lancaster County is justly proud of her native born citizens, who are honorably bearing their share in sustaining her interests and in extending her wealth. Among these is the subject of this biographical review, who is engaged in farming in Manheim Township, and is one of its most progressive and enlightened farmers. His estate, which comprises one hundred and thirty-one broad acres, is placed under substantial improvement. The fields are well tilled, and a neat set of farm buildings adorn the place.

Our subject was born in Lampeter Township, this county, March 12, 1823, to David and Elizabeth (Whitwer) Groff. The family is of German descent, and the grandfather, who also bore the name of David, was a native of Lancaster County, and a farmer in East Lampeter Township. He was successful in his chosen calling, being the owner of an estate numbering two hundred well improved acres. In politics he was a Whig, and a member of the Mennonite Church.

David Groff, Jr., was also a native of the above township, and being thoroughly trained to farm pursuits by his honored father, adopted that occupation as his life work. He lived to be thirty-six years of age, and died in 1825. By his union with Miss Whitwer, there were born five children: Ann, Benjamin, David, Elizabeth and Martin W.

The wife and mother followed her husband to the land beyond a year later, at the age of thirty-six years.

Our subject was quite young at the death of his parents, and was reared to manhood in the home of his older brother, Benjamin. He was the recipient of a common-school education, and has followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He has been successful, having accumulated a goodly amount of land, and is in the enjoyment of a comfortable competence. In religion he is a member in good standing of the Mennonite Church. In 1853 he married Miss Elizabeth Buckwalter, by whom he has become the father of the following named three children: Salome B., Clayton B. and Mary, the wife of Henry Landis.



JACOB L. MOWERY, M. D., is a very successful physician, who is now located at Letort. He received good medical preparations for his duties in after years, and has made the best of his opportunities with the result that he is today recognized as one of the leading physicians of the county. He was born June 23, 1855, in West Lampeter Township, being a son of Jacob and Emma (Lefever) Mowery, and passed his boyhood days on his father's farm in Strasburg Township.

The Mowery family located in Lancaster County in the early days of its history, one of the early representatives being David, the great-grandfather of the Doctor, who it is believed settled near New Providence or Quarryville. On the maternal side it is known that three brothers came from France, settling in West Lampeter Township, where one made his permanent home, while another went to Philadelphia, and the third also remained in this locality. The descendants of the brother Isaac have been for four generations farmers in West Lampeter Township. Isaac Lefever was a son of a Revolutionary hero. Philip, one of his seven children, is the grandfather of the Doctor, and his death occurred in August, 1810, at the age of seventy-three

years. He was a Whig, like all the others of the family, and was a member of the Mennonite Church, though his ancestors were Lutherans. Emma Lefever was a child of her father's first marriage, and her mother, Catherine, died in 1842, at the age of thirty-seven years. Her father then married a sister of his first wife and to them were born two children, the mother's death occurring in 1853. Mrs. Emma Mowery, who is still living, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

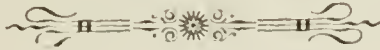
Jacob Mowery, Sr., was born September 24, 1822, in Strasburg Township, where he spent all his life with the exception of two years. He was a successful agriculturist and continued to carry on his farm until his death, September 24, 1858, when he was only twenty-nine years of age. He was a very active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was politically a Whig. October 2, 1850, occurred his marriage, and of his union four children were born: Abram, a farmer residing in Strasburg Township; Frank, who died in infancy; Jacob L., Jr., and Benjamin M., who operates a farm in West Lampeter Township.

Dr. Mowery attended the public schools of Strasburg in his boyhood, and subsequently entered the Millersville Normal School, after leaving which he taught for three years in West Lampeter Township. In 1875 he took up the study of medicine with Dr. I. H. Mayer, of Willis Street, being under his instruction for two years. In 1878 he was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, soon after which he settled at Conestoga Center, where he carried on a successful practice for six years. In 1884, going to Masonville, he continued the practice of his profession and numbers among his clients many of the best people in that locality. When at college he made a special study of gynecology and obstetrics, but has been mainly engaged in general medical work. He is a member of Lancaster City and County Medical Societies, and of the Pennsylvania State Medical Organization, and is a student of the best journals and reviews in his line.

The Doctor was married on the 3d of May, 1881, to Lizzie J., daughter of John Steighman, and of their union two children were born, John W. and Mary Emma. Mrs. Mowery was called from this

life August 19, 1889, at the age of thirty years and eleven months, leaving a host of true friends, who have sincerely mourned her loss.

Dr. Mowery is a member of the C. M. Howell Lodge No. 496, of Safe Harbor, and was for many years associated with Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., of Lancaster. Personally he possesses many traits of character which have endeared him to his friends, for he is an ideal physician, being kind and sympathetic, firm and reliable.



**R**EUBEN BERTZFIELD, an honored veteran of the Civil War, is one of the prominent dealers in leaf tobacco in Lancaster, having conducted this business successfully for many years. His public services have won for him the respect and commendation of his fellow-citizens, and he has been active in everything connected with its general welfare. For three terms he served in the City Council, once as a representative from the Third and the other times of the Ninth Ward. As one of the founders of the Lancaster General Hospital, which was started December 2, 1893, he was conspicuous and has devoted a great deal of time and work in the interests of this now flourishing institution.

The subject of this biography is the son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Stauffer) Bertzfield, his birth having occurred November 11, 1842, at Millersville, Lancaster County. His paternal grandfather was born in England and settled in this locality at a very early day, and his son Jacob was for many years a resident of Millersville and a devoted member of the United Brethren Church. The birth of our subject's father occurred January 13, 1793, in Millersville, and he followed the trade of a tailor, both there and after his removal to this city in 1869. For thirty years he was an active worker in church circles, and was a Trustee for a long time in the Lutheran congregation. In the War of 1812 he was drafted into the service, but only went as far as Baltimore. In politics he

was a Democrat and at one time served as Supervisor. His first marriage was celebrated December 2, 1819, with Elizabeth Killheifer, who was born June 27, 1797, and died October 22, 1836, being in her fortieth year. By her marriage she was the mother of the following children: Catherine, wife of Chris Pencetermacher, of Altoona, Pa.; Susan, Mrs. Benjamin Kuhns, of Millersville; Maria, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, Mrs. Joseph Habecker, of Philadelphia; John, whose death occurred in the hospital at Freeport, Ill., during the Rebellion, and Hannah, who died in infancy.

By his marriage with our subject's mother, April 9, 1840, Jacob Bertzfield had five children: Caroline; Reuben; Fannie, deceased, wife of John Milley; Hettie, Mrs. George Brenner, deceased, and Mary, who married Jacob Chambers. The mother of these children died October 20, 1875, in her sixty-third year, and the father was called from this life March 29, 1888, when he had reached the extreme old age of ninety-five years and two months.

Reuben Bertzfield attended the common schools of Millersville until ten years old, when he turned his attention to learning the trade of a cigar maker. For two years he worked as a journeyman and later started a cigar manufactory on his own account in Millersville, where he continued until 1863. At that time he enlisted in Company A, Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, being placed in the Third Division of the Sixth Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, and later being transferred to the Army of the Potomac. At the end of fourteen months' arduous service he received an honorable discharge, having contracted a severe illness.

On recovering his health to some extent, our subject returned to his former employment of manufacturing cigars in Millersville, remaining here until 1869. Then coming to Lancaster, he worked at the same calling until 1870, when he associated himself with Teller Bros., dealers in leaf tobacco, and has been very successful in his chosen work, building up a remunerative trade. He is a Director in the Anglo-American Saving and Loan Association, and politically is much interested in the success of the Republican party. Fraternally

he is a member of Lodge No. 99, K. of M.; Lodge No. 88, K. of P.; Lodge No. 251, A. O. U. W.; Lancaster Council No. 912, Jr. O. U. A. M., and George Reynolds Post No. 405, G. A. R. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, while his wife, formerly Mrs. Susan E. Lemon, holds membership with the Trinity Lutheran Church. Their union was celebrated January 6, 1876, the lady being a daughter of John Keller, of this city.

Mrs. Bertzfield's paternal grandfather lived to the age of one hundred and four years, and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Susan Rumberger, lived to be over ninety-five years of age. The father of Mrs. Bertzfield served in the Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Regiment during the Civil War as a member of Captain Wimer's company, and contracted a disease from which his death resulted soon after his discharge. He was at an advanced age which would have exempted him from duty, but he went to the front nevertheless. His son John A., of the Seventy-ninth Regiment, was also wounded at the battle of Champion Hills and died at the hospital in Louisville, Ky., at twenty-one years of age. He was the elder of two children, the other being the wife of our subject. Their mother died April 17, 1875, aged seventy-six years.



**M**ORRIS ZOOK, a wholesale leather and shoe finding and upper manufacturer, is justly entitled to space in this connection for a biographical notice. He was born in New Providence Township, February 11, 1841, the son of Noah K. Zook, who was born in Lancaster County. Our subject's father was a farmer by occupation; he learned the woolen manufacturer's trade and bought a woolen mill at New Providence, which was run by water power. He continued to operate this until 1865, when he located in Strasburg, and there died in 1879, aged seventy-four years. In his religious convictions he was a Menonite. The family are noted for their longevity. In one of the families of ten sons and daughters,

none died younger than seventy-four years; one of that number still survives and is living in the far west. Our subject's mother, Susan (Miller) Zook, was born on a farm adjoining Lancaster City. She died at about the age of thirty-six years. Of her family, three sons and one daughter are now living, our subject being the third eldest. He was reared at New Providence, attending school at that place and Millersville. In 1858 he went to Philadelphia, where he served as a clerk in a wholesale hardware store until 1862, which was during the Civil War period. He enlisted as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Infantry. He served in the capacity of Sergeant for nine months, participating in several engagements, including Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. After his return from the army he took charge of his father's woolen mill at New Providence until 1868, when he engaged in the leather business at Lancaster. He purchased a tannery of D. P. Locher on South Water Street, and was partner of A. A. Myers. This was followed for seventeen years. In 1885 he sold the tannery and engaged in finishing harness and dealing in leather and findings, also manufactured boot and shoe uppers. An extensive business was carried on in a two-story building 33x50 feet on Grant Street. Five men are employed constantly to help conduct the business in one department, and four in another. Our subject is one of the stockholders of the Champion Blower & Forge Co., and was one of the original incorporators; he is also a stockholder in the Lancaster Trust Company, besides being connected with several other manufacturing industries.

In 1866 Mr. Zook was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth S. Locher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Locher, her father being a manufacturer of morocco leather and the owner of a morocco tannery. Our subject and his estimable wife have been blessed with three children: Harry L., engaged with his father; S. Kurtz, a jeweler on the corner of Orange and Queen Streets, Lancaster, and Catherine C., attending school.

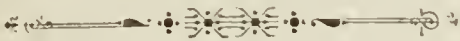
Mr. Zook has always been an active man and has served two and a-half terms on the Common Council from the Fourth Ward, and held positions on im-





MARTIN KREIDER.

portant committees. Politically he is a Republican. He is an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery. Like many another of his comrades who took part in the Civil War from the Keystone State, he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a consistent member of St. John's Church, and has been one of the Vestrymen for fifteen years. As a party worker he has no superior.



**M**ARTIN KREIDER, one of the old and highly respected citizens of this county, is now largely retired from business but is still interested in various concerns in Lancaster, being President of the Eastern Market House, Treasurer and Director of the Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and a Director in the Farmers' National Bank, beside others that we might mention. For three years he was on the Board of Poor House Directors and has always been benevolent and interested in the welfare of his fellowmen.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Tobias Kreider, was born in Lampeter Township, where he engaged in farming on arriving at manhood, and there departed this life at the age of seventy-seven years. His father in turn bore the same Christian name, and the family is of Swiss-German descent, having been members of the Mennonite Church. Our subject's father, Martin Kreider, was born in the same locality as his father and was a farmer only two miles distant from the city limits, where his death occurred in 1866. His wife, Elizabeth, was a daughter of Christian Rohrer, both of Lampeter Township, the latter being a farmer and distiller by occupation. The mother died when over eighty-six years of age, leaving a family of five children, two having previously passed away. The youngest child, Daniel, took part in the battles of the Civil War, being in Nevins' Battery.

Martin Kreider, of this sketch, was born in the same locality as his ancestors November 8, 1824, and remained at home until thirty-eight years of age. In 1863 he located in Lancaster, becoming

proprietor of the building known as the Cross Keys Hotel on West King Street near the square, so called on account of the two large crossed gilt keys with which it is surmounted. The hotel of the same name was operated by Mr. Kreider for about seventeen years, and in connection with it he carried on a stable until 1880. He then became the owner of and located at No. 224 East King Street, since which time he has merely looked after his real estate. The Cross Keys, which had been a hotel for over one hundred years, was rebuilt in 1882 into stores.

During the time that Mr. Kreider was one of the Directors of the Poor, from 1883 to 1886, a wing of the hospital was burned and later rebuilt. At another time the county barn was burned and also rebuilt. He well remembers when the Pennsylvania Railroad was built and when his father hauled his own farm products to Philadelphia. Since 1882 our subject has been a Director in the Farmers' National Bank and has been President of the Eastern Market House since it was started, it now having a capital of \$50,000. The Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he has been Treasurer since 1891, is a large organization, having over three million places insured. For some years he has been one of the Directors of the People's Building, Loan and Deposit Company. He is also a stockholder in the Hamilton Watch Company and one of the promoters and Directors of the Conestoga and Beaver Valley Pike.

In this city our subject married Mary E. Groff, who was born in Drumore Township, and they have two children, Anna and Mary. Mrs. Kreider is a member of the First Reformed Church. Our subject, who has traveled considerably, went to Ohio in 1846 and made his return trip by team, the journey taking some seventeen days; he went to Chicago as early as 1852. He is an active and influential member of the Republican party.



**F**RANK PFEIFFER bears the distinction of being the oldest slate roofer in the city of Lancaster. His office is located at No. 230 West King Street and his yard at No. 514 West

Orange Street. He is engaged in dealing in plain and fancy roofing slate, roofing paper, slate flagging for pavements, etc. He has been a resident of the city since 1846 and therefore bears a wide acquaintance, and is a man who makes friends of all whom he meets.

Our subject was born across the water in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, June 9, 1825, and is the son of William Pfeiffer, also a native of the Fatherland, where he followed the trade of a painter. He joined our subject in the *New World*, and departed this life in Lancaster when in the seventy-third year of his age. His good wife, prior to her marriage known as Maria Storm, was also born in Germany and died here at the advanced age of eighty-three years. The parents were devoted members of the Lutheran Church.

The parental family comprised ten children, five sons and five daughters. William, who is living in New York City, served during the late war as Lieutenant of his regiment and was wounded a number of times. Frank, of this sketch, was reared in his native place and until fourteen years of age attended school. He was then apprenticed to a slate roofer and after mastering the business worked as a journeyman for three years. In the spring of 1846 he determined to try his fortunes in America, and in company with his brother, Balthaser, left Bremen on a sailing-vessel which was fifty-four days in making the journey.

On arriving in this country our subject made his way directly to Philadelphia, where he worked at his trade until the following spring, the date of his advent into this city, with whose interests he has since been identified. Not being able to secure work at his trade just then, he was variously employed until the following year, when he was given employment as a slate roofer. One week after entering the employ of the company he was made foreman of the business, which position he held for nine years, after which he opened up in business for himself on East King Street, doing contract work and dealing in all kinds of roofing materials. Since 1892, however, his place of business has been at No. 230 West King Street. He keeps constantly on hand Vermont red and green roofing slate, Lehigh & Bangor slate, and all varieties of roofing

paper, having the largest supply and the best material of any establishment in the county.

The original of this sketch was married in this city in 1854 to Miss Elizabeth Weller, born in Chestnut Hill, this county, and the daughter of Fred Weller, a shoemaker. Mrs. Pfeiffer departed this life in 1891, leaving five children, namely: Emma, the wife of George Sharp; Lizzie, who married L. H. Baehner; Amanda, who is at home with our subject; Mary, the wife of Dr. John Palmer, and Frank W., engaged in business in Lancaster.

In social affairs Mr. Pfeiffer is a prominent Mason, belonging to both Council and Commandery. He is also a Knight of Pythias and an Odd Fellow, holding membership with Hebel Lodge. He is a member of Zion's Lutheran Church and gives material aid to its support. In politics he is a believer in Democratic principles and gives the candidates of the party his influence and vote.



**G**EORGE SHULMYER. This popular resident of Lancaster is engaged in the wholesale and retail coal business, having his yards located at No. 22 East King Street. He is also one of the proprietors of the Lancaster Paper and Bag Mills, with his office at the above number, and the mills situated in Slackwater, this county.

Our subject was born in this city, October 14, 1857, and is the son of George Shulmyer, who was born in Heidelberg, Germany, and on attaining mature years, learned the trade of a rope-maker. In 1853 he crossed the Atlantic, locating in Lancaster, where the following year he began the manufacture of rope, making that article by hand, and having his place of business at No. 602 North Queen Street. There he continued to operate until 1882, when he abandoned that occupation altogether. In 1869 he had embarked in the coal business in company with Messrs. Adam and Philip Finger, the firm operating under the title of Shulmyer & Finger. This connection lasted until 1875, when the partnership was dissolved, and



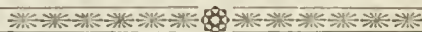
each continued to handle coal alone. George Shulmyer, Sr., in 1879 took in as partner A. W. Russell, and purchasing the yards of D. P. Bitner, they continued in business together until 1884, when in February of that year the former died. He was a very prominent man in local affairs, was a member of the Common Council, and Director in the Macnerchor Hall Association. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, and in religious affairs a devoted member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Julia A. (Oehsley) Shulmyer, the mother of our subject, was also born in the Fatherland, near the city of Heidelberg, and was married after coming to the United States. She is still living, and resides in the old home. George, of this sketch, was next to the eldest of five children, and received his education in the public schools of this city. He early learned the trade of a rope-maker, and in 1875 entered his father's coal yards, having charge of the office work.

In 1881 our subject went to Philadelphia, and July 2 of that year began in the retail coal business on his own account, having his yards located on the corner of Eighteenth Street and Washington Avenue. These he operated until the death of his father in 1884, when he disposed of his interests in the Quaker City, and returning home, took charge of his father's interest in the business here. The firm was known as Russell & Shulmyer until July, 1886, when the senior member died. Since that time our subject has conducted affairs alone, and has been very successful in all his undertakings. His yards are located near the railroad, where he has every convenience for loading and unloading coal, and in his office he has telephone connection with his down-town office. He handles all kinds of coal, including anthracite, bituminous and cannel, being the only dealer in the city to carry the latter grade.

Mr. Shulmyer is also engaged in the manufacture of paper and paper bags, being one of the proprietors of the Lancaster Paper and Bag Mills. This has been in operation only since January, 1894, and has a capacity of four tons of paper per day. The machinery is operated by water-power, and the mill is superintended by W. J.

Smith. Our subject is a Director in the building and loan association, together with the Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Socially, he is a prominent Odd Fellow, belonging to Lancaster Lodge No. 67. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and at all times is loyal to the interests of his party.



EDWARD M. COHN is one of the most popular young business men of Lancaster and ranks high among his associates and fellow-citizens. He is a son of Gustav Cohn, a successful physician, who for many years engaged in practice at Wanfried, near Cassel, Kuhlnessen, Germany. He was a very prominent and honored man in that locality and ever manifested a public spirit. In later years he was appointed a pensioner of the Government for services he had rendered. He was a man of excellent education, having pursued his studies in the Universities of Gottingen and Marburg, and stood in the front rank of the medical profession. His father, also a noted scholar, was a teacher in the Jewish school and was sanctioned head preacher by the Government. The mother of Edward M., who before her marriage was Rachina Week, died when her son was only a year old.

The subject of this biography was born May 17, 1853, in Germany, and received a superior education in his native language, his name having been enrolled for some time in the Schmal Kalden College. In 1871 he came to the United States with a relative and located in New York City, where he became clerk for an importer of mirrors, etc., and remained in that position for five years. It was in 1879 that he first came to Lancaster, where for about three or four years he worked as a clerk for a California tobacco house, and during a portion of this time he carried on a small business on his own account. For about three years he dealt in leaf tobacco, his warehouse being located at No. 334 North Queen Street. In 1885 he moved to the corner of Duke and Chestnut Streets, where he deals

extensively in leaf tobacco. He is at the head of the Pennsylvania Cigar Company and has met with good success in both branches.

On the 11th of April, 1881, Edward M. Cohn was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Hecht, who grew to womanhood and received her education in Philadelphia. She is a daughter of Samuel Hecht, who was engaged in the wholesale notion business on Third Street, Philadelphia, and was numbered among the prosperous business men of that metropolis.

Politically Mr. Cohn is ardently attached to the principles set forth by the Republican party and in every possible manner upholds and promotes every measure pertaining to the growth and prosperity of this city and the benefit of his fellows. Fraternaly he is associated with the Royal Arcanum, and being affable and pleasing in manner, has thereby won hosts of warm friends. He is identified with several Jewish organizations and a number of charitable institutions of various kinds.



**D**AVID C. HOFFSTADT, proprietor of a general country store at Letort, Manor Township, has carried on this enterprise for the past seven years, meeting with good success and keeping a well selected stock continually on hand. He is a self-made and self-educated man, who has had to depend entirely on his own unassisted efforts and native qualities in the battle of life, having overcome many obstacles which would have daunted a man of less courage. From very early years he has literally had to "paddle his own canoe," as he was deprived of his father by death when he was only four years old and five years later had to go to live with strangers.

David C., of this sketch, is a son of Adam and Hannah (Creep) Hoffstadt, and his birth occurred November 25, 1842, in Yokemtown, York County,

Pa. Adam Hoffstadt was a miller by trade and this calling he followed near Yokemtown, where his life was mainly passed. Grandfather Peter Hoffstadt followed agriculture for his life work. When four years old David C. was taken by his grandmother and lived with her until nine years of age. When quite young he learned the trade, of a cigar-maker in Yorkemtown with an uncle, at which business he served an apprenticeship of three years. Later he learned the carpenter's trade, to which he devoted his attention for four years, and then took up coach-making, his knowledge of carpentry serving him in good stead. To the latter calling he has mainly devoted his life and has in the course of time built up a good business. In 1887 he engaged in general merchandising and in 1891 started in the undertaking business, manufacturing his own goods and often employing as many as ten men in the several departments of his business. He has succeeded in making a good living and in the acquisition of a comfortable competence, and this he has done by means of hard work and perseverance, for he started his business career without means and even without the usual education which is the almost universal heritage of American children. He is certainly entitled to great praise for what he has accomplished under these discouraging circumstances. His worthy characteristics have won for him the friendship and respect of those who know him, and in 1887 he was made Postmaster at Letort, having secured an office at that point, to which he had carried the mail most of the time for four years at his own expense. Politically he is a Democrat, and socially belongs to Christian M. Howel Lodge No. 496, F. & A. M., at Safe Harbor.

September 20, 1863, our subject married Barbara, daughter of Henry Fishel, a resident of Washington Borough. To our subject and his worthy wife were born seven children, Lilly; Hannah, wife of Jonas Henry, who works for his father-in-law; Christian, Henry, Eli, Mary and Alice. The grandfather of Mrs. Hoffstadt was a farmer of Manor Township, and his family comprised the following children, John, Fred, George, Henry, Sallie (Mrs. Ent), Lizzie (Mrs. Dritt), and Catherine (Mrs. Randall). Henry Fishel married Miss

Mary Fry, by whom he had eleven children, Elizabeth, Daniel, Barbara, Adam, Ann M. Caroline (who died when quite young), Abram and Henry (twins), Amanda (Mrs. Shopf), Kate (Mrs. Dritt), and Mary, wife of George Sheltz.



**A**BRAM C. STAUFFER, one of the representative citizens of Manheim Township, and a man of enterprise and influence, is engaged in floricultural pursuits and also raises various kinds of vegetables for the city market. He has a good greenhouse on his place and makes a specialty of the cultivation of carnations and violets.

The original of this sketch is the son of John and Elizabeth (Charles) Stauffer and was born in Manor Township, this county, April 6, 1844. The Stauffers in this vicinity are of German descent, and as far back as is known were all well-to-do farmers. John Stauffer was a native of West Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, and owned at one time a valuable estate, comprising two hundred broad and well cultivated acres. He was a member of the Dunkard Church, and was a firm believer in Democratic principles, politically.

Our subject was the youngest in a family of two sons and three daughters, named as follows: Jacob C.; Barbara, the deceased wife of Dr. Kendig, of Salunga; Esther, deceased; Elizabeth and Abraham C. The father departed this life in July, 1852, at the age of forty-six years; his good wife survived him many years, passing away in January, 1891, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. They were members of the Dunkard and Mennonite Churches respectively.

Abraham C. was reared on his father's farm and remained at home until reaching his twentieth year, during which time he received a good education in the district schools. Going to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., he entered Eastman's Business College, where he took the full course, and was graduated

in 1864. He then returned to the farm which he owned in West Hempfield Township, and after three years engaged in its cultivation, sold the tract and migrated to Ohio, making his home in the Buckeye State for six years, engaged in various business enterprises.

At the expiration of that time Mr. Stauffer returned home, and in 1877 moved upon his present place, which he purchased from his sister Esther. In 1886 he became the proprietor of twenty-five acres of land on the Petersburg Pike, just one mile from the city of Lancaster, where he follows gardening and where his greenhouses are located. He has every variety of small vegetables upon his place, and is making a decided success of this industry. He raises none but the best and consequently finds a ready market for his produce and a price above the average. Although his greenhouses are stocked with every form of plant life which can be grown in that section, he makes a specialty of cultivating carnations and violets.

Our subject is a true blue Republican in politics, and while living in Ohio served as a member of the School Board. November 1, 1864, he married Miss Hettie R., daughter of Johan Leahman, a farmer of Manor Township, this county. To them were born five children, one of whom died in infancy; the others are, Ida May, who died at the age of thirteen years; John J., a telegraph operator on the Pennsylvania Road, located at Kauffman; Charles and Annie E. Mrs. Stauffer is a member of the Mennonite Church. In every respect they are valued and most highly esteemed citizens, whom we are glad to represent in this volume.



**R**EUBEN P. SWARR, engaged in the manufacture of cigars in Landisville, is the son of John and Elizabeth (Peifer) Swarr, and was born in East Hempfield Township, September 12, 1855. The father died January 25, 1887, when sixty-seven years of age. His good wife is still living, and makes her home in East Petersburg.

Many years ago three brothers, ancestors of our subject, emigrated from Switzerland, bound for the

New World, and on arriving here located west of the city of Lancaster on a tract of land which they farmed. John Swarr, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in 1734, and died in 1821. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Veronica Shirk, who died in 1779. By her he became the father of the following-named children: John, Christian, Peter, Veronica and Ann. His second wife, who bore the maiden name of Magdalene Nisby, was born November 14, 1762, and died in 1852. She became the mother of Martin, grandfather of our subject, who was born October 25, 1788, and died February 5, 1847.

Martin Swarr, the grandfather, was also a farmer in this township, in which pursuit he was successful, and belonged to the Mennonite Church. He first married Miss Anna Heistand, who bore him five children, of whom three died when young. The only sister of John, the father of our subject, who lived was Martha, who married Jacob Basler, and on his death became the wife of John Shenck. The lady who became the second wife of Martin Swarr was Elizabeth Milling, and to them was granted a family of seven children, Annie, David, Martin, Jacob, Amos, Susan and Elizabeth.

The father of our subject, John Swarr, was a native of East Hempfield Township, and in following farm pursuits was very prosperous, accumulating three hundred and fifty acres. He was an active member of the Mennonite Church, and in politics voted with the Republican party after its organization. He was greatly interested in the cause of education in his neighborhood, and for many years served as a member of the School Board. His wife was the daughter of John Peifer, of Manheim Township, and to them were born eight sons and two daughters, of whom three died in infancy. They were, Phares, Martin, Hiram, John, Meno, Reuben and Lizzie Ann.

Reuben P. Swarr received his education in the public schools and the Millersville State Normal. When leaving school he engaged for a short time as clerk in Manheim, after which he returned to the old homestead and resided there for the following three years. Then coming to Landisville, he began the manufacture of cigars, and now occupies a building two and one-half stories in

height, and 30x50 feet in size. He does \$25,000 worth of business annually, and gives employment to from thirty to forty hands. He manufactures several special brands of cigars, and is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the business.

December 23, 1880, R. P. Swarr and Miss Annie S., daughter of Jacob Risser, of Rapho Township, this county, were united in marriage. Their three children are respectively Mabel, born in 1883, J. Reuben in 1885, and Annie in 1887. Mrs. Swarr departed this life December 10, 1887. She was greatly beloved by those who knew her, and her death was a severe blow to her husband and family. In his political relations our subject is a staunch Republican, and is one of the most public spirited citizens of Landisville, where he has many warm friends.



**I** SAAC DILLER'S SONS. This firm of wholesale and retail dealers in hardware at Lancaster is composed of William F. and Charles F. Diller. This is one of the most successful business concerns of the city and is situated at No. 7 East King Street, in a central location. They manufacture tinware, roofing and plumbing material of all kinds, and sell a general line of hardware, including stoves, iron and steel, and blacksmith supplies. The business occupies four floors and they have additional warehouses 35x100 feet. Several men are employed as traveling salesmen on the road. They handle powder, which they keep in magazines out of the limits of the city. In 1893 they established the Lancaster Peerless Emery Wheel Company on North Water Street, and have recently increased their capacity threefold. They employ three men on the road in that line constantly, and are conducting a rapidly increasing business. This fact is in part explained by the fact that their wheel is the only one made by a process which includes the burning to a white heat, which destroys all impurities, and further that each wheel is subjected to hydraulic pressure, which makes it

as superior to another wheel as a pressed brick to an ordinary one.

Isaac Diller, the senior member of this firm, was born in Lancaster February 5, 1823, and is a direct descendant of Casper Diller, a French Huguenot, and the progenitor of the family in Lancaster County. There are documents in the possession of the family dating back to Michael Diller (1513), who was a court preacher and also a distinguished literary man, some of his works being still extant. Casper Diller came to America with his wife, Barbara, whom he had married in England, accompanied by their two children, and in 1739 settled in the locality of New Holland, on Mill Creek, where he engaged in agriculture, becoming a very successful man.

Many members of the family have been prominently identified with the medical and legal professions and the ministry; some gained distinction in the Revolutionary War and in subsequent struggles for the rights of American citizens in the United States. Casper Diller had three sons, Philip Adam, H. Martin and Casper, Jr. He also had seven daughters. Philip Adam was born near Heidelberg, Germany, and came to Lancaster with his parents. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Leonard Ellmaker, who came from Germany and settled in Earl Township in 1726. One of their children was Leonard, the grandfather of Isaac; his father was George A., who resided in Lancaster, where he was in business the most of his life. One of his brothers was the proprietor of Dillerville, and for two terms, beginning in 1835, was Adjutant-General of Pennsylvania, the second highest office in the state at that period. He was also Sheriff of Lancaster County when it embraced much more territory than at present. During the Mexican War he raised a company for service and was out for a short time. He was a bold and courageous man and a splendid horseman.

Isaac Diller was reared at Lancaster and started out in life as a boy in the mercantile business. His first employment was that of a clerk in a grocery store, and from 1836 to 1843 he was a clerk in the dry-goods store of George Fahrenstock. He spent five years in the store of John M. Lane and gained a reputation for integrity, besides acquiring val-

uable knowledge of the business. In 1848 he entered the hardware store of Steinman as book-keeper, and afterward became a valuable salesman. From 1860 to 1872 he was a partner in the firm which was known as George M. Steinman & Co. At the last named date he retired from the firm, but continued his business relations with it until 1877, when he purchased the large hardware establishment on East King Street, which business he successfully conducted, assisted by his sons. He was a Vestryman of St. James' Episcopal Church until he helped to organize St. John's Free Church in 1853, of which he was a charter member. He was Chairman of the building committee and Senior Warden from 1854, a compliment bestowed upon him by each succeeding rector. He always manifested a deep interest in the affairs of the church. In the renovation of the property in 1871 he assumed three-fifths of the expenses incurred, besides the sum subscribed, and as the records show, made "a generous donation of the lot adjoining."

In 1849 Mr. Diller was united in marriage with Miss Anna M., daughter of Jacob Frey and granddaughter of Jacob Frey, one of the early merchants of Lancaster, who was one of the reception committee of live to receive and entertain Gen. George Washington when he visited Lancaster, July 4, 1789, the only recorded time that the father of our country ever visited the place. Mrs. Diller survives, with the following children: William F., Charles B., Lydia and Anna M. The sad fate of the eldest son, Rev. Alonzo P. Diller, is remembered by all. Together with his family he met death in the terrible Johnstown flood. He was a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College of Lancaster, as well as of the General Theological Seminary of New York, and was a prominent minister in the Episcopal Church. Samuel B. Diller, the youngest son, is the manager for his family of the controlling interest which they own in a large tract of coal and timber land in West Virginia, and is also President and builder of the Roaring Creek & Charleston Railroad, twenty miles long, which runs through the above property.

Mr. Diller never sought or filled any public office, and whatever he did was without ostentation. He distributed his charities in a quiet way and

many such acts were never known even to his family. A refined gentleman, of simple habits, possessing a pure mind and a good heart, he was also a progressive citizen, ever ready and willing to assist in a good cause. Socially he was an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M. He died November 28, 1892, after a brief illness of two weeks. His last visit outside of his house was Sunday morning two weeks prior to his death, when he attended services at St. John's Episcopal Church and witnessed the baptism of his youngest grandson. He became afflicted with a stroke of paralysis and this progressed gradually until it affected his entire body, finally resulting in his death, thus ending a long, eventful and well spent career.



**W**ILLIAM P. WIRTH occupies the very responsible position of Chief Engineer of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Lancaster and has been longer in the employ of this concern than any other man. He is a fine mechanic and well versed in his calling, and by the faithful manner in which he discharges all of the duties devolving upon him has won the entire esteem and confidence of his superiors. In manner being very genial and pleasant to all, he has won many warm friends and is very popular among those who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. Though a native of Baltimore, where his birth occurred June 12, 1849, he was reared in this city and with its welfare has been identified nearly all his life.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, William Wirth, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and was a practical blacksmith, which vocation he followed during his entire active life. The father, Peter, a native of the same locality, came to America in his boyhood, and being a practical mechanic and blacksmith, engaged in work at his trade in

Baltimore. About 1856 he was an employe of the Melcher Rifle Works, five miles from that city, continuing with them until he came to Lancaster. At one time he served in the Government employ on the gunboat "Princeton," and his death occurred when he was in his sixty-fifth year. Both he and his wife were active workers in the Reformed Church, and the latter is still living, her home being in Lancaster. In her girlhood she bore the name of Hannah Wendt, and her birth occurred in Hanover, Germany.

William P. Wirth is one of two sons and a daughter who grew to maturity, and with his brothers and sisters attended the public schools of this city. With his father he was for a time employed in the Henry E. Lemon Rifle Works, working for that firm about seven years and becoming engineer. Mr. Wirth then started at No. 527 North Christian Street, in partnership with his father in the manufacture of gun locks, tools, etc., and continued at that point for three or four years. In 1876 he went to Philadelphia to accept the position of hotel engineer in the St. Cloud Hotel and soon was promoted to be chief engineer.

In 1878 Mr. Wirth returned to Lancaster, doing general engineering work until 1886, when he was offered the post of assistant engineer in the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, the plant of which had just been completed. He accepted this position and was of some assistance in putting the machinery in proper shape. The same year he was made chief engineer and under his advice the concern has been enlarged and many improvements made on the original plans. The city incorporated this company, buying out the old United States Company and starting in with four engines of one hundred horse-power, which have been increased to those of the present with a capacity of twelve hundred horse-power. The Electric Company can furnish six thousand Edison lights with two thousand alternates, one hundred commercial lights and two hundred and fifty for streets. Under the supervision of our subject there are at the present time about nine men, and to every branch of the work he gives his personal supervision.

In 1876 our subject was married in Philadel-

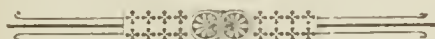




HENRY BOMBERGER.



phia to Miss Margaret A. Brubaker, a native of Manheim Township and a daughter of Michael Brubaker, who formerly operated a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Wirth have a family of five children: Harry B., Irene M., Margaret E., William C. and Clarence P. The parents hold membership with the First Reformed Church of this city and are highly esteemed by their many friends and acquaintances. Our subject belongs to the Order of Red Men and politically votes with the Democratic party.



**H**ENRY BOMBERGER, a brick manufacturer of Lancaster, is one of its successful business men, his products finding a ready sale in this vicinity. In addition to his regular line of work he has invested in other enterprises, and is quite extensively interested in building operations, owning and having erected about thirty houses and other buildings. Besides this he has put up a planing mill for general work and the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds. His brick kilns and works are fitted out with modern improvements in his line, and turn out a fine grade of work.

Mr. Bomberger was born in Rheinboyer, Lanterrecht, Germany, June 25, 1845. His father, Lawrence, a native of the same locality, was a carpenter and cooper by trade. May 12, 1846, he landed in Lancaster, after a voyage of forty-eight days on the briny deep in a sailing-vessel, in which he and his wife and two children had embarked at Bremen. For eighteen years he was actively engaged in working at his trade, after which he turned his attention to market gardening on Manor Street, which calling he followed for many years. He was born in 1811, and died in Lancaster, October 1, 1893. His wife, formerly Mary Heitzemer, died in 1885. They were both members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics the father was a Democrat. Of their five children, Henry is next to the eldest.

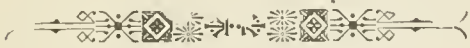
Until attaining his twelfth year, our subject continued to reside under the parental roof in this

vicinity, and at this time commenced working for neighboring families. He was only a lad of about thirteen when he commenced learning his father's trade of a cooper under his instruction. On becoming master of the business, he started a shop of his own on Hazel and Loveland Streets, and succeeded very well at this occupation, employing about one dozen hands, and continuing in the trade for some twenty-seven years. Latterly he was located on Manor Street, and had turned his attention somewhat toward brickmaking. Finally he sold out his cooperage and became foreman for James Brangley, a brick manufacturer, working steadily for the succeeding five years. At the end of that time he engaged in putting up five frame houses on Fifth Street for himself, doing the work mainly alone. Three of these places he has sold, and the other two he still owns.

In the fall of 1892 Mr. Bomberger purchased the brickyard formerly owned by Peter Zeigler. He now owns eleven and three-fourth acres of ground on Pearl and Second Streets. He has a brick machine and manufactures mainly by hand, employing two sets of men as molders. The clay used in this brick is of a fine quality, which stands the weather and is impervious to moisture. The engines and boilers used are of twenty-five and thirty-five horse-power, respectively; the kilns have a capacity of one hundred and twenty-six thousand brick apiece, there being two in number of the square shape. The sheds in use can contain about one hundred and thirty-five thousand brick, and the drying place has a capacity of one hundred and twenty thousand, five hundred and twenty. The works are run steadily during the summer season, when thirty-five hands are employed. Mr. Bomberger still continues his building operations, and has put up a planing mill 34x60 feet in dimensions, and still owns thirteen city residences. Four teams are constantly employed to deliver the products of his brick manufactory and the trade of the concern is steadily increasing.

The home of our subject, a substantial and well built residence, is at No. 202 Pearl Street. He was married in the Vine Street Church of this city in 1867 to Miss Charlotte Willig, who was born in

Hanover, Germany, and came to America in 1865. Their union has been blessed with four children: Philip, who is a contractor in this city; Rosa; Harry, in business with his father; and William. In politics, Mr. Bomberger votes in favor of the principles advocated by the Democratic party. He is a man who merits the esteem of his fellow-citizens, by whom he is highly respected.



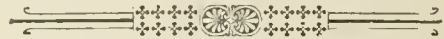
**D**AVID B. KAUFFMAN, of Manor Township, is engaged in a general blacksmith and wagon-making business, having been located at his present place for the past six years. He is a practical workman, who knows thoroughly every branch of his business and receives patronage from far and near. He comes from one of the pioneer families of Lancaster County, his grandfather, John Kauffman, in his early life having lived in this township near Creswell, where he operated a good farm. Later he removed to Rohrerstown, in this county, where his death occurred in 1863, at the age of sixty-six years, having been born in 1797. In politics he was a Republican, and religiously he was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. By his wife, formerly a Miss Brenner, he had six children: Katie, who became the wife of James Hughes; Benjamin T., Lizzie, Mattie, Abram and Abner.

Abner B. Kauffman, the father of our subject, was born in Manor Township and learned the cooper's trade, which he followed for seven years at Millersville, and then pursued his calling at Safe Harbor for a time. Afterward he was engaged at the butcher's trade until his death. He married Mrs. Catharine (Greenwall) Bowen, who had two children, Cyrus and Henry, by her marriage with Cyrus Bowen. To Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman were born ten children, John, Lizzie, David B. Benjamin F., Amanda, Kate, Mattie, Amos G., Jennie and Abram. The father was a member of the United Brethren Church, and voted with the

Republican party. His death occurred at the age of sixty-two years, in November, 1888, and his wife departed this life September 10, 1892, aged sixty-six years.

The birth of David B. occurred June 2, 1853, and his education was received in the public schools of Highville, which he attended more or less until seventeen years of age. After leaving school he worked on a farm in Manheim Township until about twenty-two years of age, at which time he commenced serving an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade in Safe Harbor and completed it at the end of two years. Later he worked with Benjamin K. Echelman, with whom he remained for eleven years. In 1888 he purchased his present place, which comprises five acres. He has made the most of its improvements, consisting of a new frame residence, a good shop, etc.

November 13, 1879, Mr. Kauffman married Barbara Dearster, of Creswell. Her father, Frederick Dearster, follows the business of fence construction. Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman have become the parents of five children, Ada D., Blaine D., Elma D., Esther D. and Ralph D. They are members of the Evangelical Church and have many warm friends in this community. A true blue Republican, Mr. Kauffman is active in the ranks of his party, and at one time served as Judge of elections. He is doing well in his business venture, and as he turns out only the best of work he well merits the many customers who give him their constant patronage.



**W**ILLIAM SCHAEFER, an enterprising German-American of Lancaster, has been engaged in the grocery business in this city since 1865, at No. 457 West King Street, and has built up an excellent reputation for the reliable standard and fancy stock which he always carries. He numbers among his customers many of the oldest and best families of the place, some of whom have constantly placed their orders with him for the past thirty years. A native of

Germany, Mr. Schaefer was born in Massan, September 25, 1837, being a son of Henry Schaefer, likewise a native of the Fatherland, who followed the trade of a cabinet-maker. On removing to the United States he located in this city, in 1869, and continued to make his home here until his death, in 1873, when he had attained the age of seventy-five years. He was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church and came from a long lived family, his father having passed away when in his eighty-sixth year.

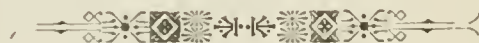
The mother of William Schaefer, who was married in Germany, was a native of that land and bore the maiden name of Margaret Winkle. By her marriage she became the mother of six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Christian, Charles, William and Jacob (deceased); Henrietta, Mrs. Goodecker, and Catherine, Mrs. Schlaush. Mrs. Henry Schaefer is still living, at the extreme old age of ninety-two years.

William Schaefer, of this sketch, received a good education in his native language, but was obliged to leave his studies when fourteen years of age in order to obtain a livelihood. For some time he worked at various pursuits, steadily laying aside a certain sum, for he was determined to come to the United States, believing that he would have better opportunities for the acquisition of a fortune in this country. When he found himself able to carry out his plans he left his native land in a sailing-vessel, and on his arrival in New York City pursued his westward journey, landing in Lancaster in 1865. He soon opened a grocery in the central portion of the city and year by year has become more and more prosperous.

In 1868 Mr. Schaefer was united in marriage with Miss Annie Marie Gunzenhouser, and seven children have been born of their union, four of whom are living, as follows: William, photographer, in Lancaster; Anna, Henry and Mary.

Socially Mr. Schaefer is a member of the Red Jacket Lodge No. 144, Order of Red Men, and belongs to Lodge No. 165, K. of P. Religiously he follows the teachings of his childhood, belonging to the Trinity Lutheran Church of this place. Politically he is a Democrat and interested in the success of his party. He is an example of the self-

made men of this country, who have started in life with nothing but a determination to succeed. He has risen step by step to a position of affluence and influence in the community, owing to the exercise of industrious and persevering qualities. He has a host of warm friends and acquaintances in this place who hold him in the highest respect.



**A**BRAM B. SNAVELY, a retired and well-to-do citizen, is still living on his homestead in Pequea Township, Lancaster County, but has relegated the care of the same to others. In former years he has frequently been called upon by his fellow-citizens to serve in public positions of trust and honor, and in each instance has so met the requirements of the situation that he has won only commendation from those concerned.

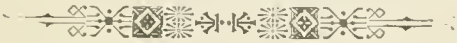
The father of our subject bore the same Christian name and was born in Conestoga, now Pequea Township. He was nearly all of his life a farmer and was also a minister in the new Mennonite Church, of which he was a member for years. On arriving at man's estate he married Elizabeth Buckwalter, by whom she had six children, two sons and four daughters, as follows: Annie, Mrs. Weber; Benjamin; Elizabeth, Mrs. Mylin; Abram B., of this article; Martha, deceased, and Fannie.

The birth of Abram B. Snavely, Jr., occurred in December, 1823, near Wheatland Mills, in Lampeter Township. His education was limited to such as he might obtain in the common schools of this township, which he attended a portion of the year until he was twenty years of age. Up to this time he had worked on the farm under his father's instruction and thus became familiar with all departments pertaining thereto. He continued to reside under the parental roof until 1866, when he purchased the farm which was the scene of his operations during the remainder of his active life. This property is well cultivated and very desirable. There are good buildings, barns, etc., upon the

farm, and the fortunate possessor of the place has derived a good income from his general farming and stock-raising for over forty years.

In December, 1856, Mr. Snavelly was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Roherer, and to them were born two children, sons, the eldest of whom, Roherer, was named in honor of Mrs. Snavelly's family, and the younger was christened Stoner. Mrs. Snavelly was born in this county and here grew to womanhood and received her education. She has been a faithful companion and helpmate to her husband in the acquisition of his property and is still living on the old homestead.

In politics Mr. Snavelly is a very loyal Republican, and on four different occasions has been sent as a delegate to county conventions of the party. He has been very active in political affairs and for three terms served as Judge of Elections, and for a like number of terms was Inspector of Elections. For one term he served in the capacity of School Director and has been Township Assessor for three terms. In these varied positions he has been faithful and honorable, and his reputation as a public man has been above reproach.



**J**ACOB L. HESS. For over sixty years this worthy old settler has been numbered among the progressive citizens of Pequea Township, Lancaster County, his entire life having been passed on the old homestead which is now in his possession. This farm was formerly owned by other generations of the Hess family and has come down in direct descent. The paternal grandfather, Michael Hess, was born and reared on this farm, and with his son, our subject's father, at one time was extensively interested in the manufacture of plows. During his last years he returned to agricultural pursuits, which formed his main life occupation. He was a member of the German Baptist Church and frequently preached in that denomination. He married Maria Shock, and to them

were born four sons and two daughters, namely: Jacob, John, Abram, Michael, Barbara (Mrs. Zook) and Veronica.

Jacob Hess, the father of our subject, was born in Conestoga, now Pequea Township, and as previously mentioned, was for some years a plow manufacturer. He was a practical farmer and as such was often consulted by his friends and neighbors on questions relating to agriculture. Politically he was a Federalist and subsequently espoused the cause of the Whigs. For one term he served as Supervisor of this township and bore an enviable reputation in the community for his qualities of industry, sobriety and high sense of honor in business affairs. Religiously he is a member of the German Baptist Church as was his father, and is greatly interested in the work of the denomination. By his marriage with Elizabeth Lichty, six children were born, as follows: Barbara, Maria, Susan, Fannie, Jacob L. and Michael, who died in childhood. The eldest daughter was twice married, first to Samuel Reiff, and after his death to Conrad Seigler.

The subject of this article was born March 5, 1827, on his father's farm, in Pequea Township, which property is now owned and carried on by him. His education was obtained in the district schools of the township, which he attended more or less regularly until reaching his eighteenth year. From his boyhood his practical and industrious father trained him for agricultural pursuits and in such branches as would be of use to him in after years. The farm, which is under fine cultivation, has good buildings and improvements upon it and comprises within its boundaries some one hundred and six acres. Everything about the place is kept up in a thrifty and business like manner, showing the constant attention and supervision of the careful owner. January 3, 1853, Mr. Hess was married to Miss Mary Herr, daughter of one of the worthy old settlers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Hess have had a family of ten children, all but three of whom are living. Their names in the order of birth are as follows: Lizzie, Martin, Barbara, Henry, Martha, Anna, Jacob L., Mary, Fannie and Suie. Lizzie, Martha and Anna have been called to the better land and the other members of the family

are numbered among the most excellent citizens of the various communities in which they make their home, as their parents reared them to lives of usefulness and industry. A very active worker in the Republican party, Mr. Hess has always been greatly interested since its organization in its prosperity and has lent his influence to that end. As one who is known to be on the side of education and advancement, he has quite frequently been elected to serve as School Director and as such has spared no pains in the discharge of his duties. In his religious belief he is, like his ancestors, a member of the German Baptist Church.



**D**R. GEORGE W. HULL, Ph. D., A. M., is one of the leading instructors in the institutes held in the eastern and central part of Pennsylvania, and at present is a member of the faculty of the Millersville Normal School. For the past few years he has devoted much of his time to lecturing and work in the ministry and has been very successful along these lines.

The ancestors of Dr. Hull on the paternal side were German, and on the maternal side were French. The original spelling of the name was Holl, and a part of the branch of the family in this county have changed it to its present style. The Professor's grandfather, John Hull, was a carpenter by trade, and resided most of his life near Chester County, in Lancaster. His death occurred in Strasburg, where he had lived for some time previous. Religiously he was a member of the Lutheran Church. He and his wife became the parents of seven sons: John, Adam, Joseph, George, Levi, Henry and David. George, our subject's father, was born in 1812 and also learned the carpenter's trade. He worked at his calling during the most of his mature life at Strasburg. He was an Odd Fellow; in politics he was first a

Whig and later a Republican. To himself and wife, formerly Sidney Pelen, five sons and five daughters were born, Mary, Emma, Elizabeth and Harry, who died in childhood; Letitia, Mrs. Hoak, of Sterling, Ill.; John E., whose home is in Strasburg; Susan, Mrs. Frew, of Paradise Township, this county; Sidney, Mrs. Frazier; George, of Sterling, Ill., and Cornelius, of Strasburg. The mother of this family is still living.

The birth of Dr. Hull occurred September 16, 1852, at Strasburg. He attended the public and high schools of that place, graduating from the latter at the age of eighteen years. In 1871 he entered the elementary class of the Millersville Normal School, from which he graduated in 1871, and a year later from the scientific course. On account of his exceptional ability he was at once chosen to be Assistant Professor of mathematics. He was educated in the school of Dr. Ed. Brooks, author of Brooks' series of mathematics, and inherited from his maternal grandfather, Chaney Pelen, his talent in this direction. With the exception of the year 1882, when Dr. Hull was Principal of the schools of Huntingdon, Pa., he has been connected with the Millersville Normal School as a member of the faculty since 1875. For the past eleven years he has been First Professor of mathematics and for seven years has lectured before county institutes on mathematics and general educational subjects, having more demands upon his time than he can possibly fill. In 1885 he took the post-graduate courses in the University of Illinois, Bloomington, Ill., receiving the degrees of A. M. and Ph. D., and then took the regular lines of study prescribed by the Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in 1884 was ordained a minister of the denomination by Bishop Warren, of the Quaker City. Though he has never taken a regular charge, he has done considerable preaching and is an influential member of the denomination. He has strong convictions on the subject of temperance and has frequently made this the theme of his lectures. Dr. Hull is now engaged in editing a series of mathematics for one of the leading publishing houses in Philadelphia.

August 4, 1880, Dr. Hull married Miss Anna,

only daughter of Thomas Hambleton, of Bucks County, Pa., and they have five children: Anna May, Arthur H., Horace M., George R. and Ruth S. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party.



**G**EORGE RUSS is one of the worthy German-American citizens who have been actively identified with the upbuilding and development of Lancaster. He lent his services to the defense of the Stars and Stripes when he had been under their protection some six years only. The birth of Mr. Russ occurred February 8, 1837, in Wurtemberg, he being a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Seegar) Russ, and he was the only member of the family who ever left the Fatherland to come to this favored land.

It was in 1856 that Mr. Russ left his ancestral home and embarked in a sailing-vessel bound for the United States. On his arrival he settled at Lititz, Lancaster County, where he remained for three years, and in 1860 came to this place, where he worked at his trade until the breaking out of the Civil War. On the 14th of July, 1862, he donned the blue, becoming a member of the Twentieth Regiment Ohio Battery, and was attached to McCork's Company. Afterwards he joined General Sherman's Army and took part in the following celebrated battles and numerous other engagements: Liberty Gap, Chickamauga and Cumberland Mountain. He served faithfully and valiantly, being ever found at the post of duty, and was always to be relied upon by his superior officers. At the expiration of his three years' term of enlistment he was mustered out at the close of the war, July 14, 1865, at Cleveland, Ohio.

On his return from southern battlefields, Mr. Russ worked at his trade as a blacksmith and horse-shoer in this city, where he has remained ever since. By the exercise of industry, economy and strict attention to business, he has succeeded in accumulating considerable means, and what is quite

as important has built up a reputation for ability, integrity and honorable dealings which might well be envied by any one.

March 20, 1866, George Russ was united in marriage with Caroline Kling, and to them were born one son and four daughters. The only son, Christian, died at the age of eleven months, and Mary, the eldest daughter, is also now deceased. The younger members of the family, Carrie, Katie B. and Lillie, are at home. They have been given good educational privileges and are cultured and intelligent young ladies. The family have many friends in this city who hold them in high esteem, and it is a great pleasure to them to throw wide the doors of their hospitable home for the entertainment of their acquaintances.



**H**ARRY LIGHTNER TROUT has a good business at No. 25 Center Square, Lancaster, where he does all kinds of book-binding and similar work, and has the largest trade in the city in this direction, employment being afforded to twenty-two hands. He is one of the native sons of this city, where he received his education and was reared to manhood, and with the exception of about three years has passed his entire life in this place, being identified with everything relating to its upbuilding and progress.

The parents of H. L. Trout were Adam and Salome (Lefever) Trout, formerly respected citizens of this locality. Our subject was born October 28, 1853, and is a brother of F. B. Trout, who is also engaged in business in this city. He received an excellent education in the grammar and high schools of Lancaster, completing his studies in 1869, when fifteen years of age. In 1870 he went to Philadelphia, where for three years he was employed in the queensware business, but on the expiration of that time he returned to Lancaster, and for the succeeding four years devoted his energies to learning the trade of book-binding, serving an

apprenticeship. Upon the completion of his trade, or shortly afterward, he started in business for himself at his present location and has been very successful in his enterprise, receiving the work of the various publishers in this and neighboring cities, and also doing work for the general trade.

A very active worker in the Republican party, Mr. Trout has been called upon to serve as a member of the Common Council, and for the past six years has served on important committees, being at the present time Chairman of the Committee on Highways, and was elected from the Fifth Ward. Socially he is a Mason, belonging to Lamberton Lodge No. 476, F. & A. M.

On the 2d of September, 1875, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Trout and Miss Sarah E., a daughter of Joseph Y. Colby, a well known citizen of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Trout have a daughter, Maude C. They are members of the Presbyterian Church of this place, in which they are active workers. They number many warm friends both in church and social circles, and are a worthy and hospitable young couple.



**J**AMES S. SYMINGTON is an enterprising and progressive citizen of Binkley's Bridge, where he is senior member of the firm of James S. Symington & Co., manufacturers of all kinds of manilla, envelope and drawing paper. He has been engaged in this business in the above place since 1876, having that year purchased the plant of the Eden Paper Company.

Our subject is the son of Walter and Jennette (Paiden) Symington, and was born in Berwickshire, Scotland, July 13, 1832. The father was likewise a native of that shire, where he had a good position as landscape gardener. He was a mason of high standing and belonged to the Presbyterian Church, in the faith of which he died when only twenty-seven years of age. His wife was the daughter of John Paiden, a large manufacturer at Ed-

inburg, and was descended from an old and prominent family in Scotland. She was reared in the family of her uncle, John Lyle, of Dalkeath, Scotland, who was publisher of the Lyle Bible. The parental family included two sons and one daughter. The latter, Ellen, became the wife of James Crawford, of Lasswade, Scotland; John came to America in 1861 and fought as a soldier in the War of the Rebellion, enlisting in the Hartford City Guards. He participated in all of the battles fought by the Army of the Potomac, and when peace was declared located in Burnside, Conn., where he found employment in the paper mills. James S., of this sketch, was the eldest in the family.

James Symington, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Led Hills, Lanarkshire, Scotland, where he was an extensive shepherd farmer. He was a brother of William Symington, who is known as the inventor of the first steamboat. The paternal grandfather of James S. Symington fled to Ireland after the battle of Bothwell and remained there until his death.

The original of this sketch was educated in his native land, and after the death of his father he learned the trade of a paper manufacturer under Alexander Annandle, of the Bolton Paper Works. In 1853 he emigrated to America, locating in Norwich, Conn. He worked at his trade for the following five years, when, owing to his executive ability and thorough fitness for the position, he was made Superintendent of the plant at that place. In 1868 he came to this state and for eight years was Superintendent of the mills in Reading. Two years previously, however, in company with other gentlemen, he had purchased the mills of the Eden Paper Company at Binkley's Bridge, and when severing his connection with the firm in Reading he removed to this place and has since given his entire time and attention to making a success of the enterprise. The mill was burned in 1883, but the firm immediately rebuilt, erecting a larger and more substantial structure. They manufacture manilla, envelope and drawing paper and turn out over five thousand pounds of paper per day. The plant contains the latest improvements in the way of machinery and is first-class in every particular. The company was organized with a capital stock

of \$50,000 and employment in the mill is given to twenty-four men and five girls.

Mr. Symington is authority on paper-making, and in 1882 was sent to Europe in the interest of the Phusey-Jones Steamship Company for the purpose of looking into the improved methods in the manufacture of paper, as well as matters of a mechanical nature pertaining to the mechanical construction of all kinds of paper and machinery. Socially he belongs to Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., in Reading, and in politics is an ardent Republican.

March 1, 1856, James S. Symington and Miss Ann Dobson, of Lancashire, England, were united in marriage and to them were born four children: Walter; Martha, Mrs. John Pollard, now deceased; James, and Jeanette, the wife of Daniel Kagill. Mrs. Symington departed this life in 1866 and two years later our subject married Miss Eliza Arnold, of Burnside, Conn. By this union there have also been born four children, as follows: Harriet, the wife of Henry Middfeit; Charles, William and Myra.



**W**ILLIAM W. TRIPPLE, a general merchant at Safe Harbor, for thirteen years was a member of the firm of Tripple & Warfel, succeeding George A. Tripple, and being in partnership with Elias Warfel. He has been a resident of Safe Harbor since 1856, and during this long period has been actively interested in all public movements pertaining to the general welfare. He is a son of John and Hannah (Cox) Tripple, his birth having occurred November 11, 1836, at New Holland, Earl Township, and he received his early education in the common schools of Churchtown, being obliged to leave his studies when sixteen years of age to work on a farm in order to obtain his livelihood.

John Tripple, the father of William W., passed the early years of his life in Lancaster and learned the trade of a hatter, which he successfully followed for a number of years at Lancaster. Subsequently

he removed to New Holland, which was his home for several years, and passed his last days at Churchtown. In politics he was a Democrat and at one time was Township Assessor. He was an active member of the Episcopal Church at Churchtown and was elected a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but died before he had been initiated. His death occurred May 9, 1851, while he was still in the prime of life, being only forty-four years of age at the time. His wife survived him for many years, departing this life when seventy-nine years old. She became the mother of the following children, who grew to maturity, and all but three of them are still living. In order of birth they are: Samuel Z., deceased; John J., a resident of Safe Harbor; William W.; Mary C., deceased wife of Isaac Mundorf; Caroline, Mrs. A. J. Hudson, of Safe Harbor; Charles D.; Sarah A., wife of Edward Lincoln, of Churchtown; George A., a grocer in Lancaster, and Benjamin F., of Philadelphia.

In 1856 Mr. Tripple of this sketch came to this city and learned the business of heater in the rolling mill, in which he was an employe until the mill was closed. For four years he then followed his trade at Buffalo, N. Y., but in 1866 returned to this place, and for thirteen years succeeding operated a general store, doing a good business, at the end of that time buying out his partner. He has been successful in his investments and for a number of years has engaged in dealing and packing leaf tobacco for the trade. In his social relations he holds membership with the C. M. Howell Lodge No. 496, F. & A. M., of Safe Harbor, in which he is Past Master, and has been Secretary for the past eleven years. He has been very active in Masonic circles and also in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed through all the chairs of Conestoga Lodge No. 334, and for a long time represented it in the Grand Lodge.

September 21, 1857, Mr. Tripple married Elizabeth Lewis, whose father, David Lewis, is a resident of Colerain Township, this county. Our subject and his wife have had nine children, Mary C., wife of J. B. Doty, now of York City, Neb., where he is engaged in teaching in the public schools; Hannah, wife of John Synser, of this coun-



ty, and a carpenter by trade; Charles, who died at the age of one year; George H., a very intelligent young man, who died in his twenty-third year by falling down the stairs during a fainting fit; Lewis A.; Alice and Annie, who died in childhood; John D., a general confectioner, baker and grocer in York City, Neb., and Leon C., who assists his father in business. Professor Doty, the husband of the eldest daughter, is a fine scholar, a lecturer and a preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a native of Luzerne County, Pa., where he grew to manhood. Mr. and Mrs. Tripple also reared an adopted son, William Wirt, giving him a good education, two years having been spent in York City College of Nebraska, and he is now holding a clerkship in that place.

Mr. Tripple is a member of the Safe Harbor Methodist Episcopal Church, with which he has been connected in an official capacity ever since joining it in 1858. In the Sunday-school and in all departments of church work he has ever been interested and efficient. Until the re-organization of the Conestoga Bank in Lancaster Mr. Tripple was one of its Directors, having been also one of its founders, but when the new officers were elected he tendered his resignation. He is a man of honor and uprightness, who has made a host of friends in the vicinity of his home.



**P**H. KELLER. A commercial institution which has gained an established reputation among the residents of Lancaster is the Keystone Business College, of which Professor Keller is the Principal. It is conveniently situated at No. 140 North Queen Street, over the Northern National Bank. Here instruction is given, both day and evening, in bookkeeping, shorthand and typewriting, penmanship, commercial arithmetic, correspondence, commercial law, grammar, orthography, capitalization, office practice, etc. After completing the regular business

course, a student is thoroughly qualified for the satisfactory discharge of duties in a position of responsibility and trust.

The Keller family is of German origin, our subject's great-grandfather having been the first of that name to emigrate to America. Grandfather Daniel Keller was a weaver of fancy fabrics, being thus engaged first at Ephrata, then in Manheim, and later in Lebanon County. Daniel Keller, Jr., our subject's father, was born at the last-named place, and there he still makes his home. Through his active years he was engaged as a contractor and builder, but now lives in retirement from business cares. His wife, whose maiden name was Susanna Helley, died in 1877.

There were ten children in the family, all of whom are still living, our subject being the youngest son. He was born in Stricklerstown, Lebanon County, December 30, 1865, and in that village the years of boyhood and youth were uneventfully passed. When very young he was an expert in the use of tools, and in Lebanon County aided his father in carpentering. Later he was similarly employed at Williamsport, and while in that city he took a commercial course, thus laying the foundation for his present broad education.

About 1887 our subject went to Georgia, and at Tallapoosa was employed at his trade, as foreman and bookkeeper for his brother. Thence he went to Bluffton, Ala., where he also held the same position. Returning to Lebanon he sojourned there for ten months, after which he returned to the south and spent the next eighteen months, again holding the same position with his brother at Bluffton, Ala., thus by his travel gaining a broad and practical knowledge of business. In 1892 he took a special teacher's course at Lebanon Business College, from which he holds two diplomas. Going to Harriman, Tenn., he opened a commercial college, which he conducted successfully for some time. However, he afterward sold out to Professor Niver.

The Keystone Business College was established January 7, 1889, and was purchased by Professor Keller in May, 1893, since which time he has conducted it upon thoroughly business principles and with flattering success. In addition to other in-

terests he is acting as district agent for typewriters, with headquarters in New York. In religious belief he is a member of the Evangelical Association. His political preferences are with the Republican party, to which he invariably gives his ballot.



**A**LDUS BUCKWALTER BARR is engaged in dairy farming in Manor Township. He is the possessor of a good estate, which besides being devoted to general farming purposes, is used for raising large quantities of leaf tobacco. Mr. Barr was born January 19, 1858, in Pequea Township, this county, and is the son of Benjamin and Barbara (Buckwalter) Barr.

The grandfather of our subject, who bore the name of Benjamin Barr, spent the greater part of his life in the above township, within whose bounds were located his two farms, one containing one hundred and thirteen and the other one hundred and fourteen acres. He was very successful in all his undertakings, and was recognized as one of the wealthiest agriculturists of the county. He was shrewd in all business transactions, upright and honest with all those who had dealings with him, and consequently was greatly respected and esteemed by his fellow-men. In politics he was a Republican, and was a member of the Mennonite Church. He married Miss Barbara Miller, and by her became the father of five children: Abram, John and Fannie, all deceased; Eliza and Benjamin M. The grandfather departed this life at the age of eighty-one years, while his good wife was seventy-eight at the time of her death.

The native place of the father of Aldus B. was also Pequea Township, where he secured his common school education, and was thoroughly trained in farm pursuits. When ready to begin life on his own account he secured a tract of land adjoining the old homestead, comprising one hundred and fourteen acres, which he operated until 1869. Three years later he purchased the estate now oc-

cupied by our subject, where he conducted agricultural operations with fair success. Benjamin Barr is now the owner of one hundred and twenty-four acres of good farming land in Martie Township, besides a tract of one hundred and fifty-four acres lying in West Hempfield Township, upon which he is residing at the present time. He is prominent in the political life of his community, and always votes with the Republican party.

The parental family included three children, of whom our subject was the second born. Elam, the eldest, died at the age of nineteen, and Benjamin is unmarried and resides at home. Aldus B. Barr received his education in the district schools of his native township, and has made agriculture his life work. He gives special attention to dairy farming, keeping on his place seventeen good milch cows. He also raises a fine grade of leaf tobacco, for which he finds a ready market in the surrounding cities.

Aldus B. Barr and Miss Alice, daughter of Henry H. Stehman, were married in 1872. Mrs. Barr's father is a farmer of Manor Township, where he also owns the Stehman flouring mills. The only child of our subject and his wife is a son, Elwood B. In politics Mr. Barr is a Prohibitionist of the strongest type, and religiously belongs to the United Brethren Church in Lancaster.



**S**QUIRE JACOB SPOO, a prominent politician of Lancaster, is Justice of the Peace and is now serving as Alderman of the Eighth Ward, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. His office, which was built for the purpose, is at No. 314 West King Street, and he attends to all kinds of conveyancing, collecting, real estate business and civil practice. The ward which he represents is practically a German ward and his clients and constituents are mainly drawn from the worthy natives or descendants of the Fatherland. Mr. Spoo, who is self educated, is equally

conversant with the English and German languages and is a very intelligent and well informed man.

The father of our subject bore the Christian name of Mathias. He was born in Luxemburg, Germany, and reared in Alsace, where he learned the trade of porcelain maker. When twenty-four years of age he came to America, settling in this city, where he married Eliza Kitch, a native of the place. For several years he worked at his trade in the pottery owned by Henry Gast. In 1861 he volunteered his services as a musician and was made leader of Band R. Afterwards he was transferred to the Army of the West, being placed in the Fifth Wisconsin Infantry, and was killed at Camp Griffin in 1862, when only thirty-five years of age. He was reared in the faith of the Catholic Church, but his wife was a Lutheran. Her father, Jacob Kitch, who died in Lancaster, was of Swiss descent, members of the family having settled at a very early day in New Jersey. Mrs. Spoo, after the death of her husband, became the wife of Henry Butt, and is still a resident of Lancaster. Frank, the only brother of our subject, is now a farmer in Warwick Township.

Until ten years old, Squire Spoo was reared in the city, attending the common school. He was born November 27, 1858, and was therefore only four years old at the time of his father's death. For that reason, and being the eldest of his mother's children, he was obliged to early assist in the family's support. From the age of ten to eighteen years he worked in a brick yard, after which he served an apprenticeship as a cigar maker for an uncle, C. Scheid, for three years. After becoming familiar with the business he continued to work for his uncle for three years more and then was employed at various places for several years. In February, 1892, he was elected Justice of the Peace by the Democrats, and in May was commissioned by Governor Pattison.

In 1881 Jacob Spoo was married to Miss Ida E. Kuhns, whose birth occurred in Lancaster, and whose father, Henry Kuhns, now deceased, was a harness manufacturer. Four children were born to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Spoo: Frank; Mabel, who died at the age of seven years; Annie, and Harry, who died in infancy. The family resi-

dence is a pleasant one and is situated at No. 312 West King Street.

Socially Mr. Spoo belongs to the Sons of America of Lancaster, being Vice-President of that order. For three years, or until he resigned, he held the position of Recording Secretary of Thad Stevens Council, O. U. A. M. For some six years he served as Deacon of St. Luke's Reformed Church, of which he is a member. He is also a member of the Daughters of Liberty.



WALTER D. MADIGAN, one of the proprietors of the Lancaster News Company, is justly entitled to space for a biographical notice in this connection. He was born in Lancaster, April 6, 1866. His father, John Madigan, was born in Ireland, emigrated to America, and settled in Lancaster, where he clerked in a store. Subsequently he removed to St. Louis, Mo., where he engaged in the wholesale and retail boot and shoe business. He died in that city in May, 1866.

Our subject's mother, Elizabeth (Denton) Madigan, was a native of Lancaster, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Denton. Her father, who was a shoe manufacturer and dealer, came from England to this country, where he established his permanent home. After his death, his wife reared the family in Lancaster, where she still resides. Her mother was a sister of John Wise, the celebrated balloonist, whose last ascension took place from St. Louis and proved fatal, at least he was never heard of afterward.

Our subject is the youngest of a family of four children, three of whom are living. He was educated in the public schools, and when ten years of age engaged in the news business, working for different companies. When sixteen years of age, he engaged in business for himself in his present place. In September, 1893, the business was enlarged and became known as the Lancaster News

Company, of which he is principal owner. The location is No. 5 West King Street, where a full line of all kinds of newspapers, magazines and other literary matter are for sale. He is a member of the National Association of Newsdealers, and has served on the committee on organization. Politically he is identified with the Democratic party.



**R**OBERT J. HOUSTON, one of the active business factors of Lancaster, well known as President of the Helvetia Leather Company and of the Houston Coal and Coke Company, was born in Maghera, Londonderry County, Ireland, January 16, 1832. The family of which he is an honored representative was for many years identified with the history of Scotland, where they owned "Houston Castle," the history of which dates back to the twelfth century. About that time Sir Hugh de Padvinan, who was of French descent, engaged to fight for Malcolm IV., King of Scotland, and in compensation for his services was granted the lands of Kilpeter, Strathgrief, where he built a castle. His Scotch neighbors, unable to pronounce his French name, called his place "Hughs-town," hence the name Houston. Two of his descendants emigrated to Ireland late in the seventeenth century and settled in County Londonderry. One of them, who bore the name of Robert, was granted three townships of land, and from this branch of the family is our subject descended.

The parents of our subject, David and Margaret (Niel) Houston, were married in Ireland March 17, 1831, and the following year emigrated to the United States, landing in August of 1832. The father, being the youngest of three sons, was therefore disinherited by the English law of entail, and so sought a home in the New World. The voyage across the Atlantic, covering sixty-three days, was one of considerable peril, but at last they anchored in the harbor of Philadelphia. They immediately

took passage in a Conestoga wagon for Lancaster County, where his aunt, Mrs. Thomas Patterson, and cousin, John Houston, resided. In the spring of 1833 they commenced housekeeping near his aunt's home, but shortly afterward, through the solicitation of his brother Henry, he was induced to move to Ogdensburg, N. Y., where he formed a partnership with John Harper in the boot and shoe business. The climate, however, was not congenial, fever and ague prevailing, and so he soon returned with his family to Lancaster County, reaching that place in 1838 with only fifty cents in his pocket, and five persons dependent upon him for support. He at once began to work at his trade of a shoemaker, and being an industrious and skilled workman, he had a large trade, continuing in the business until 1846. Now advanced in years, he makes his home with his daughter in Chester County, Pa. The wife and mother died in 1883.

To David and Margaret Houston were born four children, all of whom are living, as follows: Robert J., of this sketch; Dr. Joseph W., a practicing physician of Lancaster; Rose Ann, wife of William A. Fleming, a farmer of Chester County, Pa., and Dr. Samuel N., a physician of Washington, D. C. The eldest son, our subject, was reared in Lancaster County, with the exception of eighteen months spent in Ogdensburg, N. Y. He was educated in the public schools and McCullough's Academy, attending the latter institution two years. In 1851 he began clerking in the store of T. Armstrong & Co., Georgetown, Lancaster County, and two years later engaged in business for himself at Bethania, Salisbury Township, Lancaster County, continuing as a general merchant under the firm name of D. Houston & Son until 1867. Meanwhile, in 1862, he took part in the great civil conflict, and was present at Antietam under Col. John L. Wright in the Second Pennsylvania militia.

Dissolving partnership with his father in 1867, Mr. Houston came to Lancaster, where he was appointed Deputy Assessor in the Internal Revenue office under John B. Warfel. In 1868 he was a delegate from Lancaster County to the National Convention at Chicago, which nominated Grant and Colfax. In May of 1869 he resigned as Deputy, and engaged in the manufacture of corks

as a member of the Conestoga Cork Works Company, his partners being the late Jay Cadwell and Harris Boardman. In April, 1870, the concern was burned out, and his partnership in the business was dissolved. September 1, 1870, he embarked in the wholesale notion business, which he has since followed. At first he occupied a building 24x66 feet, but gradually increased his quarters until he now occupies three times that space. The location of his establishment is at Nos. 21, 25 and 26 Penn Square.

In the organization of the Helvetia Leather Company, Mr. Houston was a prime factor, and became President of the concern, which manufactures a machinery leather three times the strength of oak tanned leather. He was also one of the organizers of the Houston Coal and Coke Company, of which he is President. The plant is located at Elkhorn, McDowell County, W. Va., and the works have a capacity of five hundred thousand tons per annum.

At Lancaster in 1882, Mr. Houston was united in marriage with Miss Margaret A., daughter of Thomas C. Wiley, a boot and shoe merchant of this city. By this union one child was born, named Margaret Olive. Politically Mr. Houston became a Greenbacker in 1877. In 1886 he was the nominee of that party for Governor of Pennsylvania, and received the full party vote. The issues having since changed, however, he supported Benjamin Harrison for President in 1892. He has occupied various positions of trust within the gift of his fellow-citizens. In 1857 he was elected a member of the Board of Prison Inspectors, and served in that capacity until 1861. The following year he assisted in organizing the Union League of Salisbury Township, of which he was President during its existence. During the memorable election of 1886 for members of the British House of Commons, Mr. Houston assisted in organizing Branch No. 694 of the Irish National League of America at Lancaster, Pa., of which he was elected President. This branch, with only thirty members, sent more than \$2,000 to Ireland to aid in that struggle. After the division in the Irish ranks growing out of the Parnell scandal, this branch surrendered its charter and organized the James

Stewart Branch of the Irish Federation of America, of which Mr. Houston was again made President. Mr. Houston's loyalty to his native land has never interfered with his devotion to the highest interests of his adopted country. He has ever been active in the promotion of all enterprises calculated to advance the material, commercial and social welfare of the people. Especially is he interested in the prosperity of Lancaster, which has no citizen more public spirited than he. He aided in organizing the Board of Trade, and as long as it existed was one of its most active members. His recognized business ability has won for him the regard of the people and the confidence of those with whom he has been intimately associated.



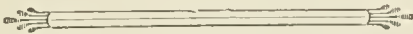
**C**HARLES H. FREY, who is intimately connected with the business interests of the enterprising city of Lancaster, is a wholesale and retail dealer in boots and shoes, hence he very naturally finds a place in this connection. He was born in Lancaster County, April 1, 1862, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Frey, and was reared in his native county, graduating from the high school in 1880, after which he superintended his father's farm. In 1882 he engaged in the leaf tobacco business, being associated with his father from the time of his partner's death.

In December, 1885, our subject retired from the business and formed a partnership with William K. Eckert, under the firm name of Frey & Eckert. Their boot and shoe business, which has been established for twenty years at Nos. 3 and 5 East King Street, has a frontage of thirty-two feet, with a depth of one hundred and forty-five feet, and is four stories in height. The first floor is stocked with boots and shoes, while the remainder of the building is rented. Large quantities of goods are bought direct from manufacturers. This is one of the best conducted boot and shoe houses in Lancaster, and its success is due largely to the good business management of our subject.

The marriage of C. H. Frey and Miss Annie

Remley took place in Lancaster in August, 1886. One child blesses their home, Edna M. Mr. Frey is an honored member of Herschel Lodge, I. O. O. F., and has been an active worker in the Young Men's Christian Association for twelve years, serving as its Treasurer for the past five years. He is a consistent member of St. Paul's Reformed Church, and politically is identified with the Prohibition party.

The successful business career of Mr. Frey furnishes another example of what untiring industry will accomplish for a young man possessing good habits with a proper aim in life. Although scarcely yet in life's prime, he is in the possession of a lucrative business, is well connected socially, and financially ranks among the active business men of this city.



**J**OHAN LIGHT ATLEE, M. D., LL. D. In every department of human activity Lancaster has contributed successful and eminent men, whose superior talents and researches have promoted the world's progress, whose abilities have won wide recognition and whose culture of mind has brought them the admiration of many to whom they are personally unknown. Such an one was the late Dr. Atlee, than whom Lancaster has contributed no brighter light to adorn the galaxy of the medical world. It is, therefore, fitting that in this volume mention should be made of his eventful career.

The Atlee family is of English descent and dates its lineage back in an unbroken line prior to the time of Charles I., and many of the name filled positions of honor and trust. Our subject's great-grandfather, William Atlee, of Fordhook House, in the parish of Aeton, England, emigrated to this country in 1733 as Private Secretary to Lord Howe, Governor of the Barbadoes. His wife was a daughter of an English clergyman, and a cousin of William Pitt. Dr. Atlee's grandfather, William Augustus Atlee, oldest son of William and Jane Atlee, was born in Philadelphia, and studying law in the

office of Judge Shippen, was admitted to the Lancaster Bar. He soon rose to eminence in the legal fraternity, and in 1777 became First Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, continuing on that bench until August 17, 1791. He was an ardent supporter of the Colonial cause, and after the establishment of our independence, was appointed, August 17, 1791, President Judge of the First District Court, which embraced in its jurisdiction the counties of Chester, Lancaster, York and Dauphin. While filling that position he fell a victim to bilious fever.

William Pitt, son of Judge William A. and Esther (Sayre) Atlee, married a daughter of Maj. John Light, and of the six children resulting from this union, the subject of this sketch was the eldest. He was born in the city of Lancaster November 2, 1799, and in boyhood was a student of the then famous academy of Wray & Urley, in Philadelphia. He commenced his medical studies in 1815 in the office of Dr. Samuel Humes, of Lancaster, and two years later entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating from that institution in 1820 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After graduating he returned to the city of his birth and commenced the practice of his profession.

March 12, 1822, Dr. Atlee married Sarah H., daughter of Hon. Walter Franklin, an eminent jurist, who for many years served as President Judge of the courts of Lancaster and York Counties. Mrs. Atlee was a woman of amiable disposition and cultured mind, and adorned every relation of life with dignity and grace. Fifty-eight years she was her husband's faithful helpmate, and then was called from earth at an advanced age. Her surviving children are: Dr. Walter F. Atlee, the well known surgeon of Philadelphia and honored Fellow of the College of Physicians; William Augustus, an influential member of the Lancaster Bar, and Miss Anne Franklin Atlee. A third son, Dr. John L., Jr., a physician who stood high in every relation in life, died in 1885.

From the time of graduating in 1820 until within a few days of his death, Dr. Atlee was actively engaged in the duties of his profession. A few months before his decease he had an attack of

facial paralysis, but the direct cause of his death was an attack of pneumonia, and on the afternoon of October 1, 1885, after an eventful career of nearly eighty-six years, he passed away.

The services rendered by Dr. Atlee in educational matters were of the highest value. In 1838 the State Legislature created the system of free school education, but when the effort was made to carry this system into practical operation it met with formidable opposition, especially among the Germans, who formed a large element of the population of Lancaster County. These people still held tenaciously to the school system existing under the act of 1820. When the time came for the change from the old plan to the new, it was largely through the unwearied, intelligent and skillful efforts of Dr. Atlee that the free schools were inaugurated and the opposition thereto overcome. Nor did his interest in the free school system cease with its establishment. He became Chairman of the Superintending Committee, and for forty years served as Director of the School Board of Lancaster. In founding the Normal School at Millersville he was also a prominent factor. The resolutions of the School Board of Lancaster, passed after his demise, fully attest the value of his services in the cause of education. In the organization of Franklin and Marshall College he largely aided, and also filled the position of Professor of Anatomy and Physiology in that institution, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Laws.

While educational affairs always received the warmest interest and deepest sympathy of Dr. Atlee, he was prominent in other fields of usefulness. His philanthropic spirit was especially noticeable in the founding and management of institutions for the poor, the friendless and the unfortunate. For some time he was one of the managers of the Home of Refuge in Lancaster. He was a Trustee in the Bishop Bowman Church Home in this city, and acted as President of the Board of Trustees of the Home for Friendless Children, also filling a similar position in the Board of Managers for the State Lunatic Asylum, at Harrisburg. It was, however, as a physician that Dr. Atlee was most useful and gained the widest reputation. By natural gifts and training he was admirably adapted for a

successful professional career. His studies did not cease with graduation, but were continued throughout his entire life. His gentle, cheerful and dignified demeanor inspired the confidence of the sick and commanded the respect of the medical fraternity. Very early in the history of medical organizations he discerned the importance of centralizing professional power, not only as a scientific measure, but as calculated to establish a kindly reciprocity of feeling among physicians, thereby elevating the profession in public estimation. With this view of matters, it was natural that he should, in 1811, lead in the organization of the Lancaster County Medical Society and that he should also twice preside over it as President. In 1848 he aided in organizing the State Medical Society, of which in 1857 he was chosen the presiding officer. When, in 1847, the idea of organizing the American Medical Association was conceived, his name appeared among the founders. In 1868 he was elected Vice-President, and in 1882 became President of the organization. In 1877 he was elected an honorary member of the Gynecological Society of Boston, and was also an Associate Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

The most noteworthy event in the surgical career of Dr. Atlee was the revival of the operation of ovariectomy. This idea he began to develop in 1843. There was at that time no experiences of former surgeons to aid him, except the cases of McDowell, dating back to 1809, and these were almost forgotten. On the other hand, there was much to discourage one less bold. The best teachers in the profession and its most influential representatives on both sides of the Atlantic had condemned the procedure, yet in spite of this Dr. Atlee pursued his investigations undisturbed. Those who are acquainted with medical science know the large measure of success that crowned his labors. Doubtless this, more than anything else in his eventful career, will make succeeding generations his grateful debtors. The first operation he performed of this character was June 29, 1843, and the lady at this writing (1894) is still living in Lancaster.

As a surgeon Dr. Atlee met with the greatest success. In over two thousand operations of which

he has left a record are included every manner of surgical procedure, and these were followed by a success comparing not unfavorably with the leading surgeons of the world. Even when advanced in years he performed many difficult and exceedingly delicate operations. Six times in his eighty-third year and three times in his eighty-fourth year he performed the operation of ovariotomy. From every part of the country his advice was sought, not alone by patients, but also by his professional brethren, who reposed the greatest confidence in his skill. Early in life Dr. Atlee united with the Episcopal Church, in which for fifty years he was Senior Warden. He attended the official meetings of the church regularly, and endeavored in every way possible to promote the prosperity of his denomination. In all the philanthropic enterprises undertaken by the congregation he was deeply interested and to them he gave his hearty co-operation. His exemplary private and public life proved, more eloquently than words could do, the sincerity of his religious convictions. The simple epitaph that marks his last resting place, "Pertransivit Benefaciendo," is the most appropriate that love and reverent esteem could write.



**T**HOMAS ELLMAKER, M. D., of Lancaster, has lived retired from active business for about twenty years, but was formerly engaged in practice at Landisville, of this county. In 1851 he established a drug store on East King Street of this city, and continued to manage the same for a period of some twenty years. In various enterprises and interests of the place, he has taken his part, and has always had great faith in the future of the city.

Dr. Ellmaker is a son of Amos and Mary Rachel (Elder) Ellmaker, and was born in Lancaster March 22, 1825. He received his elementary education in the local schools, and subsequently attended St. Paul's Episcopal College in New York City. In 1846 he graduated from the Jefferson Medical Col-

lege, and immediately settled to engage in the practice of his profession at Landisville. However, after embarking in the drug trade in 1851, he gradually withdrew from the arduous duties of a physician and devoted his means to the improvement and carrying on of his drug business. He has traveled considerably through the west, and is a scholar, being very proficient in the Latin, Greek and French languages, and being well read in the sciences.

Fraternally the Doctor is a member of the Independent Order of United American Mechanics. In former years he belonged to the Lancaster City and the County Medical Societies, in which he served as Secretary and in various official capacities, and also held membership with the State and General American Medical Societies. In politics he has voted with the Republican party since the organization of the same, being greatly interested in the questions of the day, and keeping well posted on topics of general interest.

It may not be uninteresting to many to trace the history of the Elder family, of which the Doctor's mother was a member, as they were early and respected pioneers of this state. One Robert Elder, who was born in Scotland in 1679, emigrated to County Antrim, Ireland, and from there to America in 1730, settling near Harrisburg, in the mountains, and his death occurred July 28, 1746, his remains being placed to rest in Paxtong, where he had made his home. While he lived in Edinburg, his son, Rev. John, was born, and he became noted as a minister and scholar. He received a classical education, graduating from the Edinburg University, subsequently studied theology in the same institution, and in 1732 received a license to preach. Four years later he followed his parents to America, becoming pastor of the church at Paxtong, which he served in that capacity for half a century, being very popular. One of his children, John, served in the War of the Revolution, from 1794 to 1797, was Deputy Surveyor and Sheriff of Dauphin County, Pa., and erected the first steel plant in Middletown. Robert, another son, who was a Captain in charge of a company raised at Paxtong, was in the War for Independence. He followed farming and was a Ruling El-







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der in the Paxtong Church. Joshua, the third son, was active in the military service during the frontier troubles of 1763-64, and during the Revolutionary War was a leader of the patriots, serving until the close of hostilities. He was appointed Associate Judge in 1791, and prothonotary in 1800, serving for nine years, and in 1810 was elected Burgess of Harrisburg. Samuel, another son, was a soldier in the Whiskey Insurrection, and from 1800 to 1803 was Sheriff of Dauphin County. The history of their descendants is well known to many in this state, and a number have distinguished themselves in church, military and professional circles. Mrs. Mary (Elder) Ellmaker was a grand-daughter of Rev. John Elder.



**H**ENRY ROHRER, the genial proprietor of the William Penn Hotel, is a liberal minded and accommodating gentleman, and a popular resident of Lancaster. He is a native of this city and was born November 12, 1853, to Christian Rohrer, a native of Switzerland, his birth occurring in the canton of Argau.

The father of our subject was a shoemaker by trade and made the trip alone to this country when a young man, locating in Lancaster, where he was engaged at his trade until his decease, at the age of forty-nine years. He was a devoted member of the Catholic Church. His wife, whom he married in the Keystone State, bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Hunsicker, and at the time of her union with him was the widow of Matthew Wunch. She was likewise born across the water, in Switzerland, where her first husband died. She came to the United States with her family of four children and located in Lancaster, where she met and married Christian Rohrer. She is still living, having passed her seventy-eighth birthday last November. Her eldest son by her first marriage, Joseph Wunch, was killed at the second battle of Bull Run during the late war; Elizabeth married

Philip Weber; John, who was also a soldier in the Civil War, served through the entire period and is now living in this city and carrying on a good business as a cigar manufacturer; Mary, the second daughter, is deceased.

The union of Christian and Elizabeth Rohrer was blessed by the birth of a son, Henry, of this sketch. He was reared in this city and educated in St. Joseph's parochial school. When a lad of sixteen years he was apprenticed to learn the printer's trade in the office of the *Volksfreund*, where he remained until eighteen months after reaching his majority.

In 1877 our subject became bartender for a Mr. Rieker, by whom he was employed two years, and then purchased the Centennial saloon, on the corner of Mulberry and Strawberry Streets. This he disposed of in 1884 and became the proprietor of Excelsior Hall, which he conducted for a year, and then selling it launched out in his present enterprise, that of a hotel keeper. The house had been the property of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Gerz, who operated it four years prior to disposing of it to our subject. It is pleasantly located at Nos. 429 and 431 Mulberry Street, and is first class in its appointments.

The original of this sketch was married September 16, 1875, to Miss Mary Dorwort, a native of this city, born February 25, 1885. Mrs. Rohrer and her brother Frederick (now deceased) were born to the union of A. Frederick and Margaret (Clavow) Dorwort. After the death of Mr. Dorwort, his widow married Capt. Alexander J. Gerz, by whom she became the mother of four sons, Alexander H., John J., William H. and Frank J. Captain Gerz died in 1876, and his widow now makes her home at No. 433 Mulberry Street. To our subject and his wife were born seven children, Margaret Elizabeth, Mary Elizabeth, Charles Henry, Mary Catherine, Catherine Cecelia, Henry Jacob and Andrew. Mary Catherine, Henry and Andrew are deceased.

Mr. Rohrer was candidate on the Democratic ticket in 1891 for Councilman of his ward, but the district being strongly Republican, he was defeated by three votes. Religiously he is a devoted member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in the faith

of which he has reared his children. He belongs to St. Joseph's and St. Michael's societies, also the Gruetlie Verein, a Swiss organization, of which he has been President for five years, and of which his father was a charter member and Vice-President. He also belongs to the Maenmerchor, the Turners, and the Schiller and Fulton societies.



REV. WM. F. LICHLITER, Pastor of St. Luke's Reformed Church, of Lancaster.

In its organization and growth the history of this church is both interesting and unexampled. In cities, missions usually begin by a number of members going out from an established church to organize a new church; but this was not the case in the history of St. Luke's. Beginning in the autumn of 1874 with a Sunday-school of forty-two children, organized and carried forward in a public school building by the efforts of students of the Theological Seminary; and in the latter part of January, 1879, as an organized church, consisting of nine communicant members who had become interested in or through the Sunday-school, it was necessarily a work that required great faith and unwearied devotion, but the results of the fifteen years' labor more than justify the attempt. When the fifteenth anniversary was celebrated, February 4, 1894, the report rendered showed that three hundred and twenty-eight members had been received into the church, of whom two hundred and five were then enrolled; also that the Sunday-school numbered four hundred and forty scholars, with thirty-three teachers and seven officers.

In 1871 the seed was sown that resulted some years afterward in the organization of the church. The Theological Seminary, which since 1837 had been located at Mercersburg, Pa., was then removed to Lancaster. On January 13 following, the students in the "Society of Inquiry" debated this question: "Should the Theological Seminary establish a mission in Lancaster?" On the merits of the question the society voted unanimously in

the affirmative, and then appointed a Committee to confer with the faculty in regard to the feasibility of establishing a Mission Sunday-school. Of this project the faculty heartily approved.

The "Society of Inquiry" appointed a Committee to have charge of the work of preparing for the organization of the Mission Sunday-school. The plan was to start the mission under the care of the First Church, but after waiting for two years, it was found that nothing could be done in this way. The society then authorized its Committee to ask authority from the consistory of St. Stephen's (the College) Church. This was done and the Committee authorized to go forward with the work of organizing the Sunday-school. At this time the Committee consisted of the students: Wm. F. Lichliter, J. Calvin Bowman and Zwingli A. Yeasick. A public school building was secured in the southwestern section of the city. With the assistance of an auxiliary committee of six students, a house to house canvass for scholars was instituted, and on November 15, 1874, the Sunday-school was organized with forty-two scholars, fourteen teachers (seven ladies, seven gentlemen) and four officers. It was then known as St. Stephen's Mission Sunday-school. The officers elected were all seminary students, as follows: Wm. F. Lichliter, Superintendent; G. D. Gurley, Assistant Superintendent; Z. A. Yeasick, Secretary; and G. W. Roth, Librarian. The number enrolled gradually increased until it reached about one hundred and twenty-five, and the school continued at this until it was privileged to enter the new church building on Marietta Avenue in 1880.

The teachers felt that to secure permanent results from their work, it was necessary that there should be an organized church in connection with the mission, and in 1878 brought this fact to the attention of the consistory of St. Stephen's Church. The consistory recommended that Rev. J. F. Wiant, then residing in the city, be elected Superintendent of the Sunday-school, and that a canvass be made to ascertain how many persons interested in the work were willing to organize a church. This was done, and nine persons, including the pastor's wife, were found who were ready to organize a church. In the latter part of January, 1879, the

organization was effected, the nine members being Mrs. Mary Wiant, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Suter, Jacob Bomberger, J. Rudolph Suter, J. Frederick Suter, B. F. Bausman, Mrs. Sennett Miller, Mrs. Catharine Mischlich and Philip Mischlich. The name chosen for the organization was St. Luke's Reformed Church.

A church building was a necessity, and the work was prosecuted as rapidly as possible. October 26, 1879, the cornerstone was laid, and on February 6, 1880, the church was dedicated with appropriate services. The building was 30x50 feet, and cost \$1,800, the furniture costing \$300 more. The Rev. Mr. Wiant having accepted a call to the pastorate of the Beaver Charge, Clarion County, Pa., tendered his resignation March 14, 1880, and on March 21 the present pastor, who had been instrumental in starting the mission, was chosen, and the call to him confirmed by the Board of Missions. Accepting the call, he entered upon the work of the pastorate May 30.

So rapidly did the Sunday-school increase, that the building was not large enough for efficient work, nor to accommodate the congregation at special services, and in 1884 a movement was commenced for the enlargement of the edifice. It was, however, four years later before conditions were favorable enough to warrant the erection of an addition to the building. On Thanksgiving Day, November 29, 1888, the completed building was consecrated. The cost of the ground and improvements to the building was \$3,925, which amount was contributed in large part by the friends of the church, irrespective of denomination. In connection with the church are the following societies: Willing Workers' Aid Society, Guild of Faithful Helpers, Missionary Society, Guild of St. Mark, Choral Class, and St. Andrew's and St. Mark's Sunday-school, in addition to the home Sunday-school.

The popular pastor of this church, to whose self-sacrificing labors the success of the work is largely due, was born in Woodstock, Va., and is a son of Conrad and Elizabeth Jane (Dinges) Lichliter, also natives of the Old Dominion. The paternal grandfather, Adam Lichliter, was born in Virginia, and enlisting for service in the War of 1812, went

to the front, but never returned home. The family was first represented in America about one hundred and sixty years ago, when some of that name settled near Philadelphia, Pa., but later removing to Virginia, settled in Shenandoah County, in the vicinity of Woodstock. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Frederick Dinges, was a Virginian, and a descendant of German ancestors, who emigrated to America about the same time as did the Lichlites.

Learning the merchant tailoring trade, Conrad Lichliter followed that business for many years, but is now living in retirement from active work. An original Union man on the breaking out of the war, when the Rebellion was ended he became a Republican in politics, and was appointed Postmaster of Woodstock under President Johnson's administration, and was Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue during President Grant's administration, under Col. E. White. His wife died February 1, 1891. They had four children. Of these our subject is the eldest. The others are, J. H., an attorney at Washington, D. C.; D. C., a practicing physician of Dayton, Ohio; and Sarah Elizabeth, wife of the Rev. George A. Whitmore, of Frederick County, Md.

The subject of this sketch spent the years of his boyhood in Woodstock. When the Rebellion broke out he was attending the academy in that town, but on the day following the passage of the ordinance of secession, when the volunteer military company left to aid in seizing the Government armory at Harper's Ferry, the school was closed. In 1863, with three other refugees, he left home, and passing through the mountains, after two nights and three days entered the Union lines at Winchester. Thence he went to Washington, D. C., and soon afterward entered the employ of the Government as a journeyman carpenter, working at building soldiers' barracks and corrals. It was while in this service, and at the time of the battle of Gettysburg, that the employes of his department were called on to do guard duty around Washington in order to relieve the soldiers. For two days therefore he carried a Government rifle, and for one day stood guard at the prison in Georgetown, D. C. Six months later he went to

Chambersburg and entered the academy, where he carried on his studies for two months. He was then offered the situation of salesman in the dry-goods store of J. Hoke & Co., Chambersburg, which he accepted, and was in their employ until July, 1864, when the city was burned by the Confederates. Through the kindness of friends, he was now offered a situation with Cree Bros., Pittsburg, Pa., and continued with them until 1866, when he began to study for the ministry.

Entering the Preparatory Department of Mercersburg College, Mercersburg, Pa., Mr. Lichliter continued in that institution from February 22, 1866, until 1872, when he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Later the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by the same college. In 1875 he was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, and on August 1 of the same year was ordained to the ministry, becoming pastor of St. John's Church, at Wyoming, Del. The following year he accepted a call to the First Reformed Church of Allegheny, Pa., remaining there until the year 1878. He was then Principal for one year of Harmony Collegiate Institute, Harmony, Pa. His next pastorate was that of St. Luke's Reformed Church, in which capacity he has since served with efficiency and success. He is a man of superior ability, keen intellect, excellent judgment and a wide range of information in history, theology and literature. For his chosen profession both nature and training have admirably adapted him, and he well deserves his wide popularity.



**T** PARKE GUTHRIE, one of the leading grocers of Lancaster, has been a resident of the city since April 26, 1876; he was born at Guthrieville, Chester County, Pa., October 12, 1852, the son of Joseph Guthrie and his wife. Grandfather Guthrie built the first house in Guthrieville, and it was he who platted the town and it was named after him. Our subject's father was a farmer near Guthrieville, where he owned one

hundred and sixty-two acres. He was a Deacon in the Baptist Church and died at the age of sixty-one years, in 1863.

Our subject's mother's maiden name was Margaret Wilson; she was born at Compassville, and died at the age of forty-one years, after which our subject's father married again. T. Parke Guthrie was one of a family of eleven children, and three sons of this family wore the loyal blue during the Civil War. They are, Willmer, in the employ of the Pullman Car Company, at Wilmington, Del.; Howard, residing at Blue Rock, Chester County, Pa.; our subject, T. Parke; Elizabeth, Mrs. Samuel Moore, of Philadelphia; Sadie, Mrs. W. H. Murray, of Peoria, Ill.; John, who was a bugler in the Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry; Levi, who died prior to the Civil War, and William, who died in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The subject of this notice was reared amidst rural scenes, and obtained his education at the common schools, passing his youth as most of the Pennsylvania boys did. At the age of eleven years his father died and he was thrown upon his own resources. The first year he worked upon a farm and then went to Coatesville, in the employ of the merchant tailoring firm of Wright & Morgan as an errand boy. He remained there one year, and then clerked in a grocery store, for Lewis G. Jeffries; after two years he worked for John E. Stout, another grocer, for whom he clerked one year, and then went with a brother-in-law, Samuel Moore, who conducted a clothing and sewing machine business; after two years he became a salesman at No. 810 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, but after a few months went to Germantown, where he took charge of a branch store, which he operated until the failure of J. Cooke in 1873. He then entered the employ of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, and opened an office for them in Germantown; he managed their business for them until June 8, 1880, at which time he came to Lancaster, having lived in this city two years before, while in the employ of the Singer Manufacturing Company.

September 18, 1879, marked a new era in this young man's life, for it was in that beautiful autumn month that he was united in marriage to Lizzie B. Best, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John

Best. Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie have one child, Anna M. The company wanted to send him to other cities to do preliminary work, so in June, 1880, he bought out John L. Melzer, a grocer on the corner of Lime and Chestnut Streets, where he has since conducted a good grocery trade. His residence is at No. 327 North Lime Street. He is a stockholder in the Mechanics' Building & Loan Association of Lancaster, also in the Conestoga Bank.

Of his domestic and social life, it may be said that he is a member of Monterey Lodge No. 242, I. O. O. F.; Ridgely Encampment, and Lodge No. 68, K. of P. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum and a past officer in the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Politically, our subject is a staunch Republican, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church.



**W**ILLIAM R. MARTIN, Secretary and Treasurer of the Henry Martin Brick Machine Manufacturing Company, was born in Lancaster August 26, 1870. His father was Henry Martin. William R. is the eldest of the second marriage of his father, and he was reared in Lancaster, where he received a good education in the common and high schools and was graduated from Lancaster Business College in 1886. He engaged in business with his father in the manufacture of brick-making machinery, which concern was incorporated in 1887, and William R. made Secretary and Treasurer. He is also engaged in the real-estate business and platted William R. Martin's addition to Lancaster on the old Morton property, where he has erected eight houses and other buildings. He laid out and named Highland Avenue, an extension of South Queen Street, and deeded it to the city. His own residence is No. 653 West Chestnut Street.

Like most sensible young men, our subject early in life chose a worthy companion in the person of Miss Catherine R. Fahenstock, a native of Lancas-

ter, to whom he was married February 2, 1892. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Fahenstock, of Lancaster. By this marriage one child, Richard F., has come to bless their home.

In his political affiliations our subject is a Republican, and in religious matters is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, while his wife is a member of St. James' Episcopal Church. Mr. Martin is a member of the Royal Arcanum. That the reader may form a comprehensive idea of the character of the machine manufactured by the Henry Martin Brick Machine Manufacturing Company the subjoined is given:

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"Its inventor is a practical man. He is an Englishman by birth and started in life with limited

means and little influence from friends. He learned the brick-making business and carpenter's trade in the Old Country, and by private study at odd times in the city of Liverpool became in time an expert in mechanical drawing and architecture.

"In England he was connected with some of the largest brick-making concerns of that country and became familiar with every detail of the business.

"Since 1858 these machines have been tested all over the United States and Canada; many recent patented improvements having added greatly to the value and efficiency of the machine.

"It is perfectly automatic and self-striking. Its strength and durability are its two principal points. Its output is always very large and it acquits itself with credit under trying circumstances with any kind of clay that can be worked by hand.

"All parts being well fortified, it allows the brick to be molded unusually stiff. The machine taken in all its parts is as near perfect as human ingenuity can make it.

"It will fill out each mold and turn out good brick, with square corners and well defined edges, and if suitable molding sand is used, with smooth faces."



**J**OHN E. BRENNER, one of the practical farmers of Manor Township, is the proprietor of a good farm comprising thirty-three acres, and also owns the Willow Grove Flouring Mill, which is located on the banks of the Little Conestoga River. Almost his entire life has been passed in this township, in which his birth occurred, and thus for a period of about seventy years his home has been made in this immediate vicinity.

The Brenner family have long been noted in Lancaster County, and our subject's great-grandfather, who located here in the last century, came from his native country, Switzerland, on account of religious intolerance. His son, Christopher, the grandfather of our subject, was a blacksmith, which occupation he followed actively during the most

of his life, but in later years operated a farm near Safe Harbor, and died at the old homestead. He was an old line Whig, and in religion was a Lutheran. He married a Miss Fry, by whom he had a family of eight children, namely: Adam, Christopher, John, Jacob, Margaret, Elizabeth, Polly and George. Jacob, the father of our subject, was born in Indiantown, Manor Township. In his boyhood he learned the miller's trade, and became also familiar with agricultural pursuits. His death occurred on his farm, which he had carried on for many years, its location being in Manor Township near Groff's Mill. Politically Mr. Brenner was a Whig, and like his ancestors held to the faith of the Lutheran Church. On attaining to man's estate he wedded Susan Eshbach, by whom he had twelve children, in order of birth as follows: Adam, John, Nancy, Susan, Jacob, Christian, Abram (deceased), Mattie, Elizabeth, Fannie, Katie and David. The father departed this life in 1869, aged sixty-nine years, while his wife died in 1867.

John E. Brenner was born October 2, 1818, at Mellingers Mill in this township, and received his early education in the district schools of the locality and in Millersville. He remained with his father on the farm, lending his assistance to its cultivation until he was twenty-four years of age. He was then married and began farming on his own account in the same township, and in 1873 removed to his present location. He is a thorough and practical agriculturist, and is also a business man of good ability. Ever active in educational affairs, he has used his influence and means in the acquirement of good schools and teachers, and served for three terms as a School Director. An active Republican, he served as Supervisor of this township for one term, was one of the Poor House Directors of the county, at one time was on the United States Jury at Philadelphia, and has filled minor positions with fidelity and credit to himself.

December 11, 1843, Mr. Brenner was united in marriage with Mary, daughter of Christian Killheifer. Of this union nine children were born, as follows: Levi, who operates his father's mill; Henry, also at home; John, who is engaged in the nursery business; Benjamin, a resident of Columbia; David; Amanda, wife of Abner Miller; Susan, wife of Will-



iam Dietrich, who is employed in the United States Mint in Philadelphia; Elizabeth, who became the wife of William Spera, now Superintendent of the Columbia Gray Iron Works, and Ezra, who lives in Millersville, and who is Tax Collector of Manor Township. Mr. and Mrs. Brenner are members of the Mennonite Church, in the work of which they are interested and active, and during the long years of their residence in this community they have won the approbation of their friends and neighbors for their industrious and worthy course in life.



**F**RANKLIN SUTTON, an honored resident of Lancaster, is a native of this county, and the work that he has done toward developing its interests gives him a worthy place among the true-hearted, hard-working men who laid the foundation for the present prosperity of this portion of the state. He is the son of Joel and Margaret (Lovett) Sutton, and was born in Fulton Township, January 15, 1826.

The paternal grandfather of our subject lived in Cecil County, Md., and was descended from one of three brothers who came to this country from Scotland, of whom it is thought one located in Canada. The grandfather passed his entire life in the above county, and his only child was Joel, the father of our subject. He was born in Cecil County, where he obtained a good education and developed into an intelligent young man. His occupation in life was that of a miller, which he followed after removing to Fulton Township, this county. Later he took up his abode on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Colerain Township, and while superintending its operation carried on a good business as proprietor of Steels Mill. In politics he was first a Whig and after the formation of the Republican party joined its ranks. He was the recipient of many local positions, and was ever true to the responsibilities and duties imposed upon him in various capacities.

He was for many years a member of the Baptist Church.

The parental family included eleven children, of whom Franklin was the eldest but one. His brothers and sisters bore the respective names of James L., Louisa, Edwin, Joel, Anna, William L., George R., Walter, Orlando and Sarah. The two latter are deceased. The father of these children passed away in 1863, at the age of sixty-nine. His good wife survived him many years, dying when in her eighty-fifth year.

The original of this sketch received his education in the public and select schools of Lancaster, and at the age of nineteen entered the employ of his father, with whom he remained until after attaining his majority. He then began clerking in a store in the county, holding that position for two and one-half years. At the expiration of that time he assumed charge of his father's mill in Colerain Township, and two years thereafter embarked in life on his own account, buying a store at Oak Shade, in Little Britain Township, whither he removed and took charge of affairs.

While residing in the above place our subject was postmaster for three years. Later he purchased a farm and mill property, both of which he carried on with signal success until 1862, when he sold his farm and removed into the city of Lancaster. Before removing to Lancaster, Franklin Sutton was appointed Inspector of Distilled Spirits and Coal Oil, which office he held for four years under Alexander Hood, who was Inspector of Internal Revenue. His term of office having expired, our subject, in company with John Shaeffer, engaged in the planing mill business and the manufacture of agricultural implements, and some time later, with other parties, prospected for iron ore in Lancaster County. In politics he is a true blue Republican. He is an official member of the Baptist Church, being Trustee and Deacon for a number of years.

October 21, 1851, Franklin Sutton was united in marriage with Miss Mary M. Long, daughter of John Long, a farmer and manufacturer of cycles in Drumore Township. To them have been born three children. Ella, who is the wife of Dr. E. H. Witmer, resides in Neffsville, this county; John L. is at home with his parents, and has charge of

the wall paper department of the J. B. Martin Company; Hattie S. married Paris Erb, a pattern-maker and machinist.

Dr. James L. Sutton, the eldest brother of our subject, is a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, also the Hahnemann Homeopathic College of Philadelphia. He served as a surgeon in the late war and died while in the army from typhoid fever. William L., another of the family, was clerk in the Reformatory School at Huntingdon, and has served for many years in that capacity in the various departments of the court house in this city. He is a very popular man, and was Deputy Sheriff several years ago.



**J**AMES H. MARSHALL, formerly Postmaster, and at the present time Assistant Postmaster of Lancaster, has been in this department of Government work ever since 1867, with the exception of the four years of President Cleveland's first term. He is one of the most honored citizens of this place, where he is well known and very popular in all circles. As one of the boys in blue who marched from Chattanooga to the sea and did valiant service in upholding the Union cause, it is surely most fitting that the Government which he so bravely defended should in a public manner manifest their appreciation of his services, as they have done in giving him his important position.

James H. is the son of William Marshall, who was born in Lancaster in 1810, and was a prominent shoe manufacturer for many years in this city. His death occurred in 1881, while that of his wife took place in 1893. The latter, who was also born in Lancaster, bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Sowers and was the daughter of Henry Sowers; she was of German descent and was born in 1812. The paternal grandfather of our subject, who was born in the northern part of Ireland, emigrated to this county at a very early day,

and his descendants have since been well known in this locality.

The birth of James H. Marshall took place in Lancaster September 12, 1838. He received a public school education and was also a student in the private school of St. James' Episcopal Church. When seventeen years of age he was apprenticed to learn the printer's trade in the office of the Lancaster *Examiner* and *Herald*, where he remained for four years. For the next year he resided in Harrisburg, being a pressman in the office of the *Daily Patriot* of that place. In 1859, going to Nashville, Tenn., he obtained employment in the Baptist Publishing house for a time. Coming back to this city, he was foreman in the *Examiner* and *Herald* office until the fall of 1861. October 5 of that year he enlisted in Company K, Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry, and was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. On the expiration of his three years' service he veteranized and continued until the close of the war, fighting on southern battlefields. With his regiment he took part in the engagements of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Missionary Ridge, went with Sherman on his march through Georgia to the sea, and was appointed Commissary Sergeant February 12, 1862. January 20, 1865, he was commissioned First Lieutenant by Governor Curtin, and at the same time was Quartermaster of the regiment. After the march to Atlanta, he participated in the engagements of Goldsboro and Bentonville. After Johnston's surrender he went to Washington, where he took part in the Grand Review, and was mustered out in July, 1865.

For a few years after his return to this state, Mr. Marshall worked at his trade in Coatesville, and was then appointed United States Deputy Marshal in Lancaster. Subsequently for eight years he served in the postoffice department, and was one of the first letter carriers in the city. January 26, 1876, he was appointed Postmaster, and was re-appointed in 1881, serving until August 10, 1885, when he was removed on account of the change in the administration. He next received the appointment of Financial Clerk of the Soldiers' Orphans Schools at Harrisburg, from State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. E. E. Higbee





JOHN G. FORSTBURG.

This post he held until resigning to accept the place of Assistant Postmaster under Maj. Elwood Greist, of Lancaster. When he became an employe of the postal service in 1867 there were only eight employes in the postoffice, including the Postmaster, delivery, money order and registry clerks, and the four letter carriers. Now there are over thirty men employed in the various departments, and in 1891 the postoffice was assigned to the first class.

May 26, 1863, while at home on a furlough, Mr. Marshall married Catherine W. McCaskey, who was born in Leacock Township. She is a daughter of William and sister of Prof. J. P. McCaskey, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have had six children, Maggie, who died at the age of seventeen years; William L., a graduate of the high school now holding a prominent position in the Farmers' National Bank of this place; Bertha, Harry H., Maud and Blanche. The family residence is situated at No. 20 East Walnut Street.

Religiously Mr. Marshall is an Episcopalian and a Vestryman in the St. James' Church. He belongs to Lancaster Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.; to Lancaster Chapter No. 43, R. A. M., and is identified with George H. Thomas Post No. 84, G. A. R.



**J**OHAN G. FORSTBURG, Superintendent of the Star Brewery of Lancaster, is a practical and successful man in this trade, and the company with which he now is may consider itself fortunate in having secured his services, for he is unanimously conceded to be foremost in his line in the county. A man of more than usual intelligence, he is a chemist and an inventor. In partnership with Mr. Burkland, he patented an ammonia valve for ice machines which is of great practical value and destined to make a fortune for the owners.

The subject of this biography is a native of Sweden, having been born in Christinehorn,

Vermland, April 12, 1857. His father, Johan, was born in the same locality and was superintendent of a large farm, where he resided until his death in 1870. He was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church and worthy and upright in his daily life. His wife, Maria M. (Carlson) Forstburg, was born in Christinehorn, and her death occurred in the year of our subject's birth. Her only other child who lived to mature years, Carl F., is a machinist in Sweden.

John G. Forstburg was reared on the home farm, attending the common schools of his native land and there acquiring a good general education. After his father's death he went to Sundsvall and at the age of sixteen was apprenticed to a brewer, becoming thoroughly conversant with all the details of the business and giving much of his attention to the study of chemistry and kindred subjects. In 1877, going to Hull, England, he pursued a course of training in an extensive brewery, after which he returned to his former place.

In 1879 Mr. Forstburg set sail for America, going by way of Hull and Glasgow, and arriving in New York City on the steamer "State of Nevada." For a short time he worked in Heralds Brewery in Hartford, Conn., thence going to Buffalo. Afterward he was employed for a time in the large Ruperts Brewery in New York City. Receiving fine recommendations from his former employers, he went to Baltimore, Md., becoming foreman of the Standard Brewery, and acted in that capacity for three years. It was in July, 1888, that he came to this city, being Superintendent of Spenger's Brewery for about three years. In 1891 he was offered a similar position with the Star Brewing Company, and in 1893 superintended the erection and equipment of this establishment, which is known to be the finest of the kind in the state, and furnished with all modern appliances and machinery used in the trade. The Star Brewery manufactures the celebrated Pilsener and Vienna beer and can turn out about forty thousand barrels per annum. On account of the superior quality of their goods the products find a ready sale in all parts of the surrounding counties, and the business is steadily increasing.

In 1884 Mr. Forstburg was married in New York

City to Miss Philipene Weber, a native of Sweibnngen, Rheinfolz. The worthy couple occupy a well built home on Pearl Street and also own the four adjoining residences. They have an interesting family of three children, John, Lillie and Gustav. Mr. and Mrs. Forstburg are faithful members of the Lutheran Church of this city. The former is a Democrat and socially belongs to Matomow Tribe No. 63 Order of Red Men.



**M**AJ. JEREMIAH ROHRER is the largest wholesale liquor merchant in Lancaster, in which business he has been engaged since 1864. A veteran of the late war, he arose to the rank of Major through merit and valiant service, holding that commission in the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry. Major Rohrer has served a number of times in official capacities and in public affairs and each time acquitted himself greatly to his own credit and to the satisfaction of those concerned.

Our subject was born in Lebanon, Pa., May 9, 1827, coming from one of the old families of Lebanon County, his ancestors having located in Lancaster County on coming from Switzerland. The paternal grandfather, John Rohrer, was in the War of the Revolution and endured the terrible sufferings of Valley Forge, being First Lieutenant of the Flying Battalion. He was a locksmith by trade and was an early settler of Lebanon County. Our subject's father, David Rohrer, was also born in Lebanon County, which was then known as Dauphin, and, like his father, he was in early years a locksmith, but in later years engaged in manufacturing grain sickles. Removing to Middletown, he worked at this business until his death, at the age of forty-two.

The mother of our subject, who was born near Middletown, was Mary, daughter of John J. Parthemore. Her paternal grandfather came to the United States from a village near Hamburg in

Hesse-Darmstadt, and he was an active member of the German Reformed Church. The latter, John Frederick, landed in Philadelphia October 20, 1744, and located in what is now Dauphin County, where his death occurred. His son, John Philip, who was born in Germany, became a farmer in Dauphin County, in the vicinity of Middletown, and John J., his son, also followed agricultural pursuits in the same neighborhood. Mrs. Rohrer after the death of her first husband, David Rohrer, in 1843, married John Parthemore, by whom she had one child. Her death occurred March 24, 1848. The Major is the second of the children of the first union. His eldest brother, Jacob L., died at the age of one year; Elizabeth died in Springfield, Ohio; Absalom S. and Jacob both died in childhood; and George F. is a resident of Harrisburg.

In his youth Major Rohrer learned the carpenter's trade, and afterward worked at contracting and building. He was then a manufacturer of sash, doors and blinds in Middletown for about two months, when he was burned out; afterward he rebuilt and continued the business for live years, later next engaging in fruit farming. In August, 1862, he became a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, being under Colonel Jennings. Major Rohrer recruited Company H, Susquehanna Rangers, at Middletown, in three days and was made Captain of the company. When it was mustered in at Harrisburg August 12, he was commissioned Major of the regiment and placed in the Second Division of the Army of the Potomac. At the battle of Fredericksburg this regiment was one of the first to cross the river, and they lost two hundred and forty-two of their enrolled men during the battle. The next engagement in which they participated was the battle of Chancellorsville and skirmishes near Fredericksburg that followed. The Major was on duty night and day for a long time, and though he had many narrow escapes, was fortunate in never being wounded. After his faithful service he was mustered out at Harrisburg, May 29, 1863.

In the spring of 1864 our subject came to Lancaster and for the succeeding thirteen years has been located at No. 22 Penn Square, in the whole-

sale liquor business. In this building he occupies the four floors and basement, the first floor being used for the retail business. The building is supplied with an elevator, and everything in the line of his business may here be found. His Wild Cherry Tonic has a wide reputation for excellence.

Our subject is interested in the Lancaster Trust Company, the People's National and the People's Trust Saving and Deposit Companies Banks. In the fall of 1872 he was elected Register of Wills of Lancaster County, serving until January, 1876. Prior to this he was for three years an Inspector of Prisons and was President of the Board during the last year. He suggested and invented the iron-clad cells in use in the prisons and many other improvements of a practical nature. For the past ten years he has been Trustee of the Home for Friendless Children. In Masonic and social circles he is very active, being a member of Lodge No. 13, F. & A. M., and has raised four of his sons in about three years to the Master Mason's degree. A Royal Arch Mason, he belongs to Chapter No. 43, to Council No. 19, and to Commandery No. 13, K. T., of which he is Past Commander. Formerly he was associated with the Odd Fellows, the Senior Order of United American Mechanics and the Knights of Pythias, being a charter member of the lodge. As a member of the Royal Arcanum he is active, as well as with the George H. Thomas Post No. 84, G. A. R. In politics he deposits his ballot in favor of Republican nominees.

Major Rohrer was married in Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, March 24, 1853, to Mary A., daughter of George Red-secker, an early settler and miller on the Conewago Creek, the dividing line between Dauphin and Lancaster Counties. Mrs. Rohrer was born in Elizabethtown, and by her marriage became the mother of eight children, seven of whom are living, namely: Dr. George R., whose office is at No. 45 East Orange Street, Lancaster; Jacob B., a civil engineer on the Chicago Drainage Canal; Marie Louise and Mary, who are at home; Grant, a railroad contractor; Howard, a druggist, but now in business with his father; and Daisy M., who is at home. Mrs. Rohrer and several of her children are members of the First

Presbyterian Church of this city and the family is highly respected.

For two terms Major Rohrer was a member of the Common Council of Lancaster, serving on the special Water Committee, which built and completed the new water works. As a member of the Select Council, he also served for two terms, when he resigned, and while there was a member of the Finance and Water Committees. In everything relating to the improvement and development of the place he has been zealous and active, having the welfare of the people at heart.



**P**ROF. GEORGE BENKERT, proprietor of Benkert's School of Music in Lancaster, is an accomplished musician and able teacher. While studying that art in Germany he carried off the honors of his class, which distinction was accorded him by Professor Volekmar. His establishment is located at No. 147 East King Street, and its owner is highly appreciated and received in the best circles of society in the city.

Our subject was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany, April 11, 1861, and is the son of William Benkert, also a native of the Fatherland. The latter completed his musical training in a noted school in Homberg and is a teacher in the public schools and an organist in his native place. He married Miss Matilda Moeller, a native of Kirchberg, Germany, and the daughter of Jacob Moeller, an organist and pianist in this community.

George, of this sketch, was the fourth in order of birth among nine children, of whom five are now living. He was reared in Germany, where he received a good education in the public schools and studied music under his father and grandfather. When commencing his studies in the Homberg Seminary, he placed himself under the instruction of Professor Volekmar, taking lessons in harmony, composition, and on the piano, organ and violin. He entered the seminary when sev-

enteen years of age, and after some time there entered the preparatory school, where he remained two years. On leaving the seminary he received the honors of his class in organ and piano music. Deciding to come to America, Professor Benkert set sail from his native land in 1883. Arriving in New York City, he immediately made his way to this city and obtained the position of organist and teacher in a parochial school. After being thus engaged for four years he established a school of music, which he has provided with the best instructors on piano and pipe organ. He devotes his entire time to this business and has many pupils, who have placed themselves under his instruction knowing that he will develop in the best possible manner whatever musical talent they may have.

Professor Benkert was married in this city in 1890 to Miss Clara A., daughter of August J. Riske, a merchant tailor. To them were born two children, William A. and Catherine A.



**B**YRON J. BROWN is one of the most successful contractors in the painting and decorating line in Lancaster and has done the most artistic work on the best houses and public buildings in the city. He is very popular in all circles and is widely and favorably known as a good business man and a leader in church and political lines as well. In all measures pertaining to the good of this city and his neighbors he takes an active and vigorous part.

A native of Lancaster, Mr. Brown was born August 7, 1852, being a son of George W., a native of Cumberland County, his birthplace having been only three miles from Harrisburg. The paternal grandfather, whose Christian name was also George, was born and reared in Cumberland County, where his father, a native of the North of Ireland, settled at a very early day. Grandfather Brown on attaining maturity turned his attention to the iron business, operating the Tyrone Forge in Cumber-

land County for a number of years, or until shortly before his death. His wife, who was a member of the Hickernell family, was of German descent and died when over eighty years of age.

George W. Brown, Jr., was the youngest of twelve children and was a youth of only fifteen years on his arrival in Lancaster, where his brother, David P., who had charge of the Henry Leaman Rifle Works, had preceded him. George Brown commenced his apprenticeship as a painter and furniture maker with George Rote, and at the end of his time, in 1848, started in business for himself as a contract painter, which trade is still carried on by his son. His office was for many years on North Queen Street and in 1865 the shop was permanently located at No. 52 North Queen Street. Byron J. continues the business of house painting, in addition to being a dealer in paints, oils, glass, etc., at No. 50 North Queen Street. The father departed this life May 27, 1889, at the age of sixty-three years. A prominent Democrat, he served in various public capacities in former years, having been Assessor and later being a member of the Select Council from the First Ward and also of the Common Council. From 1848 he had been active in Masonic circles, being a member of the old Lodge No. 43 and having taken the Knight Templar degree. In 1849 he became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, afterward joining the Knights of Pythias and Order of Red Men. For his wife he married Mary E., daughter of Herman Villee, whose birth occurred in France. He was a job printer, and ran a book store for a number of years, later removing to Moconoy, where his death occurred. Mrs. Brown, who survives her husband, was born in Lancaster and has now reached the age of sixty-three years. As one of the charter members of St. John's Episcopal Church of this city she has always been most active in its work and continues to be a zealous worker at the present time, devoting the main part of her time and interest to various benevolent and religious enterprises. Of her three sons and two daughters, four still survive, Byron J. being the eldest of the family.

The gentleman whose name heads this article obtained a good education in the common and



high schools of Lancaster, and when seventeen years old commenced learning his father's trade, continuing in business with him with the exception of one year, which was passed in Philadelphia. In time he was given most of the superintendence of the business, and when his father died, in 1889, succeeded him at the old location. The specialty of Mr. Brown, a department in which he excels, is fine graining for the trade, and for twelve years his services in this direction have been in great demand in all parts of the vicinity. In fine decorating and interior finishings he also devotes much of his time, and many of the finest private residences in the city owe much to his skill and good taste. Among the many public buildings which might be mentioned as bearing evidence of his handiwork are the Trinity Lutheran and St. John's Episcopal Churches.

The lady who presides over the home of Mr. Brown, which is located at No. 544 West Chestnut Street, became his wife April 21, 1872, at Middletown, Pa. She was formerly Lydia D. Sloat and was born at Ephrata, being a daughter of John Sloat, who was proprietor of the flour mills at that place. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown, six of whom are living, as follows, Mary, Harry, Helen, George, Robert and Paul. Harry, the eldest son, is now in business with his father, and is his right hand man.

For the past two years our subject has been Clerk of the Select Council, his term having expired April 1, 1894. For eleven years he has been foreman of Truck A of the Lancaster Fire Department, and is a member of the old Empire Association. In the line of his work he is affiliated with the Master House Painters and Decorators Association of Pennsylvania, and has been a representative every year since it was organized, serving on various committees. Active in the ranks of the Democracy, he belongs to the Young Men's Democratic Society of this city, and socially is a member of Can-as-sa-te-go Tribe No. 203, Improved Order of Red Men, of which he has been Secretary for several years. He has served as a representative to the Great Council of the state, and was honored by being elected to the Great Council of the United States, Pennsylvania electing only four

representatives each year. The other organizations to which he belongs are the Knights of Pythias, Knights of Malta and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. With his wife he holds membership with St. John's Episcopal Church, in which he is one of the most valued workers.



**C**HRISTIAN M. MUSSELMAN. Among the young men who are cultivating a portion of the soil of Lancaster County with gratifying success, should be mentioned this gentleman, who is a prominent agriculturist in East Hempfield Township. He is the son of Christian and Martha (Minich) Musselman, and was born on the farm where he is at present residing March 1, 1852.

John Musselman, grandfather of our subject, was also a native of this county, where he was well-to-do financially. He married a Miss Klugh, by whom he became the father of two sons and three daughters, bearing the respective names of John, May, Sarah, Elizabeth and Christian. The grandfather departed this life while yet a young man and when Christian was a lad of seven years. The latter was born March 1, 1817, and received a good education for that early day.

The father of our subject in early life followed the combined occupations of farmer and butcher and also to some extent engaged in operating a threshing machine. He is now, however, in possession of a good estate in this county, upon which he located in April, 1881. Besides his four farms he is the possessor of a mill and is highly regarded by all who know him. He is well-to-do in this world's goods and his competence has been the result of his own efforts, together with the assistance rendered by his good wife, who was also economical and industrious. Christian Musselman is a devoted member of the Reformed Church. In politics he is a firm Democrat, and was elected on

that ticket to the office of Supervisor of his township for a period of twelve years.

The maternal grandfather of our subject, by name John Minich, was a farmer and carpenter, carrying on operations in this township. His daughter, the mother of our subject, had the following children: Sarah, the wife of John Martin; Henry, a miller in this township; Martha, Fanny, Christian M.; Jacob, engaged in operating a threshing machine in East Hempfield Township; Franklin, a farmer located in this township; Christine, the wife of Cyrus Hustand; Benjamin, a butcher, located in Donorville; and Amos, a farmer of this section. The family are all living and are well established in life.

The subject of this sketch has spent his entire life on the old homestead and was educated in the district school. In 1881, when his parents removed from this place, he took charge of the farm, comprising one hundred and thirty-five acres, and is now its owner. He has always followed agricultural pursuits and is making a success of his calling. He is a staunch Democrat in politics and is greatly interested in the success of his party. October 23, 1880, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Hustand, a daughter of Jacob Hustand, a coal and lumber merchant of Salunga. The life record of our subject is a good one and such as to commend him to the respect and esteem of the entire community.



**J**ACOB HIESTAND. The spirit of progress so characteristic of American citizens of the nineteenth century finds an exemplification in the gentleman above named. He is engaged in operating an extensive coal and lumber yard in Salunga, in which business he has been engaged since 1865. He is the owner of considerable valuable real estate in the city, together with farm property, all of which he is handling in a profitable manner.

John and Catherine (Good) Hiestand, the par-

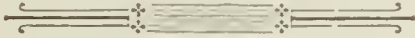
ents of our subject, were natives respectively of York and Lancaster Counties, this state. When a young man the father came to Lancaster County, where he was engaged in farming one hundred and ten acres of land, pleasantly located one quarter of a mile from Salunga, which at that time was little more than a village. He was also the proprietor of a tract of one hundred and seventeen acres near his other estate. Upon it was located a distillery, which he operated for some time. He was respected throughout his community, was thoroughly trusted and was often called upon to act as administrator in the settlement of estates. The old Mennonite Church found in him one of its most valued members. In politics he was first a Whig, but after the organization of the Republican party joined its ranks.

John Hiestand was three times married and by his first union there were born the following named children: Christian, Anna, John, Abraham, Susan, Elizabeth and Barbara. By his second wife he had seven children. His marriage with the mother of our subject, the daughter of Henry Good, resulted in the birth of Jacob, Mary, Mattie, John M., Henry Sarah, Catherine and Benjamin, the two latter of whom are deceased.

Jacob was born on the old homestead August 21, 1814. He received a good education and for many years remained on the home farm, which, on the death of his father, he purchased from the other heirs, and is still the owner of the estate. He has two acres of land adjoining Salunga, which he sold on one occasion to the firm of Patterson & Patterson, who used it for their coal and lumber yard. Five years later he bought out their business, which he is still carrying on with good success. While engaged in farming he accumulated a comfortable fortune. He is possessed of a keen, clear intellect and is a man of wide experience and extended information. He is known and respected for the honesty and sincerity of his character, and has the friendship of the best men in the community.

Jacob Hiestand was married in 1844 to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John Stelman, by whom he became the father of ten children. John is deceased; Henry is living on the home farm; Cath-

erine is the wife of Christian Swan; Barbara married Abraham Harnish; Sarah is now Mrs. Daniel Grady; Mary is the wife of Christian Musselman; Susan is deceased; Annie is Mrs. Phineas Musselman; Fannie is deceased, as is also Elizabeth, who was the wife of Amos Lehman.



**H**ON. WALTER W. FRANKLIN is the present Representative to the Pennsylvania State Legislature from Lancaster. His home has been made for many years in the city of Lancaster, where his birth occurred and where he is one of the leading attorneys. He is active in the ranks of the Republican party, and has served in political positions of influence. During his professional career he has made many warm friends in this community, and is highly esteemed as a lawyer of more than ordinary ability.

The birth of our subject occurred November 12, 1858, he being a son of Col. Emlen Franklin, also a native of this city. His paternal grandfather, Judge Walter Franklin, was of English descent, and was born in Flushing, L. I. He also was a lawyer, who possessed unusual ability in that profession, and settled in Lancaster in the early days of its history, becoming one of her first lawyers. In political as well as professional circles, he bore a high reputation, served in a number of public capacities, and was Judge of the district at the time of his death. In religious faith he was a member of the Society of Friends, and his life was upright and honorable in every respect. Our subject's father, Colonel Franklin, was a man of superior education, who graduated from Yale College with the degree of Master of Arts, and then, like his father, engaged in the practice of law. In 1865 he was in the State Legislature, where he represented his district for one term, and at another time was District Attorney and Register of Wills, resigning the former position in order to offer his services to the Union. In 1861 he entered Company F, of the

First Pennsylvania Volunteers, being elected Captain, and served for three months. On the expiration of that period he re-enlisted in the nine months' service, and was active in raising the One Hundred and Twenty-second Regiment, of which he was made Colonel, and was also acting Brigadier-General of the Third Brigade, Third Division, Third Army Corps. With that department he participated in the important battles of Chancellorville, Fredericksburg and Antietam, as well as in minor engagements. When the term of his enlistment expired he returned home and took charge of raising companies on the Emergency Call, and served as Colonel of the Fiftieth Pennsylvania Militia until the end of the allotted time. Returning to his law practice he continued actively engaged in business until his death, which occurred June 19, 1891, at which time he was in his sixty-fifth year. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and at one time was candidate on the party ticket for the nomination of Member of Congress, but was beaten by thirty votes, this happening two times. He was also a Grand Army man, and a thoroughly patriotic citizen. His wife, formerly Clara A. Withers, was born in Lancaster County, being a daughter of Michael Withers, whose birth occurred in Strasburg, also in this county. He was of English descent, and his father was, like him, born within the county boundary. In order to obtain a livelihood, he followed farming and milling, and after his long and useful career passed away in this city.

Hon. W. W. Franklin, whose name heads this article, is one of three children, he being the eldest. The others are Josephine and Emlen A., who is engaged in the manufacture of mining machinery in Durango, Colo. The early education of Mr. Franklin was obtained in the excellent public and private schools of Lancaster, after leaving which it was his privilege to attend for a time the Franklin and Marshall College, which he left at the close of the sophomore year to become a teacher at St. Mary's Academy in this county. Concluding to adopt the profession of his father and grandfather, and having himself a decided inclination in that direction, the young man next began the pursuit of law studies with his father, and after becoming

thoroughly familiar with the theory and much of the practical workings of law, was admitted to the Bar in 1882. Under the able tutelage and direction of Colonel Franklin he was trained in the best methods and skill of modern lawyers, and continued in practice with him until the elder Mr. Franklin died. Since then he has carried on his business alone, having his office at No. 23 South Duke Street, and numbers among his clients those who formerly depended upon his father, and have now come to place the same reliance in the son. In the spring of 1888 he was nominated as a candidate for the State Legislature, and in the fall of that year was elected, and during his service in the House was Chairman of the Local Judiciary Committee and also served on minor committees. In 1890 he was re-elected to the Legislature, serving as Chairman of the same committee as previously, and also being appointed to serve as a member of Committee on Railroads, being Secretary of that committee. When the returns were counted in 1890, it was found that he had been defeated at the polls on account of fraud, which was so evident that the election was contested, the result being that his election was sustained. In personal manner he is courteous and affable, and readily wins and retains friends.



**COL. EDWARD MCGOVERN**, who is a prominent factor of Lancaster County, as was his father before him, will form the subject of this notice. He was born in Lebanon, Pa., November 11, 1834, and reared on a farm three miles out of the city. In 1846 he went to Worcester, Mass., and attended the college of the Holy Cross for six years, graduating in 1852, with the degree of A. B. Later the degree of A. M. was conferred upon him by the Georgetown College.

In 1861, after having studied law under Colonel Frazer, our subject was admitted to the Bar and practiced law with him until August of that year,

when he enlisted in Company G, Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry. He raised the company, and was mustered in as its Captain. In the fall of 1862 he was commissioned by Governor Curtin as Colonel of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Regiment. He joined his regiment at the second battle of Bull Run, and participated in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and was mustered out with them under General Siekles. Afterward he went to Mexico as civil engineer under Lyon, who was later shot, and worked in that capacity for the Vera Cruz Railroad Company, with which corporation he remained for three years. He then returned by the way of New Orleans, and was engaged on the Louisville Short Line Railroad for two years, after the completion of which he returned to Pennsylvania. He later worked for the Pittsburg & Connelville Railroad, for whom he superintended the construction of two large tunnels, and returned to Lancaster. We next find him as a contractor on the Columbia & Port Deposit Railroad, where he was engaged in heavy work for two or three years. From there he went to New Jersey, and in 1880 to Colorado, where he was engaged with the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Company. This was a big contract, requiring much ability as a railroad constructor. During this work he tunneled the Cascade Mountains. He then returned to his Lancaster home and engaged in farming and fruit growing, and set out a fine orchard three miles from the city. He also built three large tobacco warehouses in Lancaster.

Politically, our subject was originally a Republican, casting his vote for John C. Fremont in 1856, but in 1880 became identified with the Democratic party and voted for General Hancock. He has held numerous local offices; has been a member of the Common Council from the Sixth Ward for two years; and also Street Commissioner. He was Judge Advocate in the Army of the Potomac and Ohio.

Of our subject's ancestry it may be stated that his father, John McGovern, was born in the province of Ulster, Ireland, where he was reared to farm life. He was in the British army and in the battle of Waterloo in 1815. In January, 1816,

he emigrated to America, landing at New York, and came to Pennsylvania on foot accompanied by Judge Burnside, and at once went to work with no capital save two strong arms. He drifted from one thing to another, and finally engaged in mercantile business, lumbering, etc. He was located at the corner of Lemon and Mulberry Streets, and also ran a store at Lebanon. He was a contractor from about 1820 to 1852, and from 1833 operated a farm. Our subject still owns this property.

Our subject's mother, Mary Anne (McDono) McGovern, was a native of Trenton, N. J., and the daughter of Peter McDono, a native of Ireland. He came to Trenton in 1793, and was an importer of beer. In 1804 he removed to Lancaster, having learned the bottling business in England. He was the first person to engage in the bottling business at Lancaster, and sold bottled goods from wagons throughout the country as far as Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio. He died in 1840. By reference to the above concerning our subject's father, the reader can readily understand why Col. Edward McGovern has made a success of his life, being reared, as he was, to industry and economy by his father before him.



**D**AVID W. GRAYBILL, engaged in the leaf tobacco and mercantile business in East Petersburg, is the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Witmer) Graybill, and was born in this place November 10, 1853. The Graybill family is of Swiss origin, and has been identified with the history of Lancaster County for many years.

The grandfather of our subject, who bore the name of Daniel, was born in this state, and is said to have been the owner of a large tract of land. He followed farm pursuits until 1859, when he retired from active life, and spent the remainder of his years near East Petersburg. In politics he was a Republican, and in religion was identified with the German Baptist Church. By his

marriage with a Miss Hollinger he became the father of the following-named children, of whom all but two are living: Joseph, Isaac, Daniel, Jacob, Benjamin, Elizabeth and Mary. He departed this life in 1859, when just past his three-score years and ten.

The father of our subject was born in White Oak, Penn. Township, this county, where he was given a common-school education, and was trained by his honored father to farm pursuits. He was the possessor of a tract of one hundred acres, which was devoted principally to stock-raising. Following in the footsteps of his father, he voted the Republican ticket, but otherwise was not active in politics. During the latter part of his life he was connected by membership with the German Baptist Church.

The parents of David W. were married about 1836, the mother being the daughter of Dr. Herman Witmer, a prominent physician of Manor Township. Their union resulted in the birth of four sons and two daughters. Martha is the wife of Daniel B. Kreider and resides on the old homestead; Herman W. is a coal and lumber merchant in Petersburg; Amos W., now deceased, was formerly engaged in the furniture business in the state of Kansas; Benjamin W. is a farmer and stock-raiser of Avon, Idaho; Elizabeth died in childhood; David W., of this sketch, was the youngest. The husband and father died October 11, 1890, aged seventy-seven years. His wife preceded him to the land beyond, dying in 1886, at the age of seventy-one.

The subject of this sketch was reared on his father's farm, and like the other boys of the neighborhood attended the district school for a time. Afterward he became a student in the Millersville State Normal. When completing his education he taught three terms of school, after which he engaged in the leaf tobacco business, occupying a large warehouse, which is devoted to preparing that article for the market. He gives employment to from eighteen to thirty-four men, and has represented three different tobacco firms, doing a business of about \$60,000 annually.

In addition to the enterprise already mentioned, Mr. Graybill is one of the general merchants of

Petersburg, having an establishment well stocked with all grades of goods suitable for both country and city trade. In social matters he belongs to Lancaster Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., and has been Past Grand of Selah Lodge No. 657, I. O. O. F., of Manheim. He is likewise connected with the Meridian Sun Commandery No. 99, K. M., of Lancaster; Lancaster Lodge No. 88, K. P.; Lancaster Lodge No. 126, A. O. K. of M. C.; and Red Rose Company No. 20, Uniformed Rank, of Lancaster. Mr. Graybill forms one of the State Commandery with rank of Brigadier-General under J. B. Roberts, Commanding General of the state. He belongs to Conestoga Lodge No. 363, R. A., and in these various orders is prominent and influential. In politics he is a Republican, and has held the office of Justice of the Peace since 1881. He has been Assessor for a number of terms, and was Secretary of the County Committee for two years.

April 27, 1880, Mr. Graybill and Miss S. Alice, daughter of William K. Martin, were united in marriage. To them have been born two children, Guy Martin and David Reid.



**P**ATRICK DONNELLY. The history of Lancaster County would be incomplete without mention of Mr. Donnelly, who is one of its prominent and enterprising citizens. For over a quarter of a century he was an Alderman in the city of Lancaster, and for three years was the able editor of the Lancaster *Democrat*. He is the son of James and Bridget (Holland) Donnelly, and was born February 23, 1816, in County Tyrone, Ireland. James Donnelly was also a native of the above place, where he was a weaver by trade, which business he followed in his native land until the time of his emigration to America. He became a citizen of this country as soon as possible after living here the prescribed time, and in politics was a firm Democrat. His first vote was given in 1823 in favor of John Andrew Schultzy

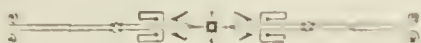
for Governor. He was a devout Catholic in religion, to which faith he remained true during his entire life. He came to the United States in the year 1818 and located at once in this state. He was active in public affairs and was a prominent citizen of Lancaster at the time of his decease, September 27, 1863, when ninety-seven years of age.

Patrick, of this sketch, after completing his education in the common schools, devoted three years towards learning the trade of a tailor. Not finding this business suited to his health he traveled, selling Irish linens through the south. His health was very much impaired prior to engaging in this business, and after working in the interests of this house for three years, young Donnelly went upon the stage, traveling with some of the best companies in the country, and engaged with the home company (The Connor Dramatic Society), with which he remained for ten years. At the expiration of that time our subject took up the study of law, reading under John R. Montgomery, who at that time was one of the most celebrated men at the Lancaster County Bar. He continued thus for three years and was admitted to practice in 1847. The profession not being suited to his taste, however, Mr. Donnelly abandoned it a short time thereafter. In 1851 he was appointed Inspector of Cargoes at Lancaster for the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1853 he went to Washington, D. C., where he was given a position in the Postoffice Department, and in this and other departments served altogether eight years under the administrations of Pierce and Buchanan. He is a devout member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and belongs to the St. Bernard Society.

Patrick Donnelly was married April 30, 1846, to Miss Catherine Gallagher and to them were granted seven children: John and James, who died when quite young; Charles C., of whom mention is made on another page; two who died in infancy unnamed; James, at home with his parents, and Clarence, who is Registrar Clerk in the Postoffice. Mrs. Donnelly departed this life July 21, 1889, when a little past threescore years and ten.

Mr. Donnelly published in 1861 a chart called "Donnelly's Perpetual Union Almanac and Yearly

Indicator," dating back to the year 1700 and carried to 8099. He is also the author of a table showing the occurrence of Easter from 1700 to 8099, or to time indefinite. This table is most ingeniously gotten up and shows very plainly that our subject spent much time in its construction. A man of intelligence, reliable in his citizenship, honorable in his dealings with his fellow-men and kindly in social and domestic life, he is regarded with a due measure of esteem by those about him.



**C**HARLES CARROLL DONNELLY. This name will be at once recognized by the majority of our readers as that of one of the most enterprising citizens of Lancaster. He is carrying on an extensive business as a paper hanger, and during the busy season gives employment to sixteen men. He is also a talented musician and for many years has been President of the Clemmens City Band, and Manager of the Iroquois Band. The son of Patrick and Catherine (Gallagher) Donnelly, he was born in the city of Lancaster August 18, 1850. For a full account of the parental history, the reader is referred to the sketch of Patrick Donnelly, which appears on another page in this volume.

Charles C., of this sketch, acquired his primary education in the public schools of his native city, after which he attended Professor Davis' private academy. After completing his education he apprenticed himself to learn the trade of paper hanger under the instruction of his uncle. Later he associated himself with J. B. Martin & Co., large dry goods and wall paper merchants of this place, with whom he remained for nineteen years, or until embarking in business for himself in the year 1891. He is the proprietor of a good establishment, carrying a full line of handsome wall paper, and employes a large force of men in the spring and fall of the year.

Mr. Donnelly is widely known through this

section as a fine musician and has been President and Manager of the Iroquois Band ever since its organization in 1888. In 1892 he was made the recipient of a handsome gold medal by the citizens of Lancaster, as a token of their appreciation of his services rendered the band, which is one of the finest in the country. The medal consists of a bar bearing his name and is beautifully engraved.

Our subject is one of the sturdiest supporters of the Democratic party, on which ticket he is the present candidate for the position of Director of the County Poor Farm. In religion Mr. Donnelly is a devout Catholic and belongs to St. Michael's Beneficial and the St. John's Societies. He is also a working member of St. Anthony's and other societies. He is connected with the Schiller Club, which meets in Turner Hall, and is prominent in all good work in which his church is interested. Mr. Donnelly was one of the members of the old Volunteer Union Fire Company, and as an intelligent and well educated young man, is well calculated to win the respect and esteem of all whom he encounters, either in business or social circles.



**J**OHIN W. HESS, M. D., one of the largest general practitioners in Lancaster, is a gentleman of extended knowledge, both in the leading affairs and interests of the day and in the line of his life work. He has been eminently successful in his use of electricity for the treatment of many forms of disease, particularly those of the nerves, and was one of the first physicians in the county to recognize the great usefulness of this factor in the healing art, as he has employed it since 1868. Believing that the best results follow when a physician personally attends to putting up his own prescriptions, he has a well equipped office and carries out this idea.

The birth of Dr. Hess occurred March 7, 1840, near the village of Lampeter, Lancaster County, and his father, Daniel S., was born in the same

vicinity. The Hess family is of Swiss descent, and its members have been generally sturdy and industrious farmers. The Doctor's father during his active life was a prosperous agriculturist on his farm situated in East Hempfield Township, on the Columbia Pike, near this city. He died when in his sixtieth year on his homestead. His wife, Barbara, was born in Manor Township, and was a daughter of Dr. John Witmer, who was a farmer and a physician in the early days. His death occurred on his farm in Manor Township, about three and a-half miles west of this place. Mrs. Hess became the mother of twelve children, all but three of whom are still living, and of these J. W. is the eldest. The mother was called from this life when she had reached the age of sixty-five years.

After completing his common school education Dr. Hess attended the Millersville Normal for two years, and when eighteen years of age began studying medicine with Dr. A. M. Cassidy, of Millersville. In 1861 he entered the Medical Department of the New York University, where he passed two years in study, and then was enrolled with the pupils of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1864. On first beginning his practice, he returned to Millersville, and for two years was a partner with his former preceptor. In 1863 Dr. Hess responded to the emergency call, being placed in the Fortieth Pennsylvania Militia, under Colonel Wickersham. For about eleven years he continued in practice alone in Millersville, building up a good reputation as a physician. In the fall of 1876 he came to Lancaster, and has found his time amply occupied with the constant demands which are made upon it by his many clients and patrons. He makes a specialty of general family practice, having little to do with surgical cases.

The Doctor owns a pleasant and well built residence at No. 25 South Prince Street, which home is presided over by his amiable wife, formerly Miss Sarah A. Baer, to whom he was united in marriage in the year 1865, in this city. Mrs. Hess was born in East Hempfield Township, and is a daughter of Martin Baer. Since 1873 Dr. Hess

has been a member of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., and is also identified with Chapter No. 43, R. A. M.; Council No. 19, and with Commandery No. 13, K. T., and the Lodge of Perfection. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias. His right of suffrage he uses in favor of the principles espoused in the Republican party and the nominees which it sets forth.



**E**LI B. POWL, one of the leading liverymen doing business in Lancaster, was born April 2, 1854, near Neffsville, the son of Isaac Powl, who was also a native of Lancaster County. The latter was a farmer by occupation, and moving to Lancaster in 1864, operated a hotel. He later sold his hotel and operated a livery business, which he began on a small scale and gradually increased. In 1866 he built and located where our subject is now doing business. In October, 1884, he sold the business to our subject and the following April died. Politically, our subject's father was a Republican and in religious matters was a believer in the Mennonite faith. The Powl family were among the old style German families.

Our subject's mother was Barbara (Buckwalter) Powl, a native of Lancaster County, where her father was a farmer. Our subject's father and mother were each married twice, and of their last marriage our subject was born, he being the elder of two children. He was reared and educated at Lancaster, and grew into the business he now follows, by degrees, and the last ten years of his father's life, the son had charge. His livery stable is 60x96 feet in size and two stories high, provided with a hand elevator. It is located at No. 14 East Walnut Street, and his residence is next door. This is a first class livery business and they are able to turn out thirty rigs, fifteen hacks and three hearses.

Our subject was married at Lancaster, in August, 1878, to Miss Alice C. Henry, a native of Lancas-



ter and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Henry. Our subject and his estimable wife are the parents of two children: Isaac Benjamin and Theodore Franklin. Mr. Powl is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a charter member of Herschel Lodge. Politically he is a firm believer in the general principles of the Republican party.



**T**OBIAS STEHMAN is the owner of the old mansion home in Conestoga Township, Lancaster County, which now has within its boundaries one hundred and three acres, and in addition to this he owns an adjoining tract of one hundred and sixty acres. For years he bore the reputation of being one of the most extensive and progressive agriculturists in the township, and in 1882 he retired from his active career to make his home in Millersville, where he purchased a substantial brick residence and is living on the fruits of his former years of toil and well directed efforts. Mr. Stehman is a son of Tobias and Martha (Detrich) Stehman, and was born July 17, 1817, in Conestoga Township, of this county. His great-grandfather, Joseph, came with his large family from Germany prior to the War of the Revolution and became one of the pioneer farmers of Conestoga Township, owning extensive tracts of land, which he cleared and greatly improved. One of his sons, Tobias, the grandfather of our subject, owned five hundred acres of land in Conestoga Township, and, like his father, was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church. His family comprised six children: Elizabeth, Catherine, Fannie, Rebecca, John and Tobias.

Tobias Stehman, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead and became the owner of a farm comprising three hundred acres in the same township. He was also a member of the Lutheran Church and devoted to his well founded convictions of right and duty. He was always pres-

ent to cast his vote on election days, as a true citizen should do, and was a worker in the ranks of the Democratic party. By his marriage he became the father of three sons and one daughter, of whom our subject is the eldest. Henry D. died in 1890, aged sixty-five years; Jacob, a farmer of Conestoga Township, owns two farms in that locality; Martha, wife of John Mylen, of Willow Street, died in 1889, when about seventy-two years of age.

In the early years of our subject he received practical instruction in the duties of farm life, and while still a boy learned to shoe horses and do general blacksmith work. Until 1881 his busy and useful life was passed in carrying on his large farm in the township where his birth occurred. He is practical and progressive in his methods of conducting a farm and laid up a large fortune, an abundance for his remaining years. He has always been a staunch advocate of the Democratic party and in religious belief is a member of the Lutheran Church, being an Elder in the Mt. Zion Congregation of Millersville.

In 1833 Mr. Stehman married Mary Milyn, by whom he had one son, Henry M., who died September 17, 1889, aged thirty-three years. The faithful wife of our subject was called from this life in September, 1884, when in her seventieth year. Her father, Christian Milyn, was formerly a resident of Rock Hill and carried on a milling business there for many years.



**D**AVID LANDIS, a well known citizen of Millersville, owns and erected a handsome residence in which he now lives retired from active cares in this place. This is one of the finest home properties in the village, the lawn surrounding the home being well kept, and the whole bespeaking the careful attention and thrift of the proprietor. For thirty years our subject was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits on his farm in Pequea Township, Lancaster County, and since

1876 has made his home on his present location, which comprises two and a-half acres within its boundaries.

David Landis was born October 13, 1823, in Conestoga Township, which is now embraced within the limits of Pequea Township. On the paternal side he is the descendant of a noted family in this portion of Pennsylvania, who bought land at a very early day, having been driven by religious intolerance from their native country, Switzerland, to seek a refuge in this the land of freedom and liberty. The parents of our subject were John and Anna (Hoover) Landis, formerly well known citizens of Conestoga Township, where the father was engaged in farming. Our subject, like most of his ancestors, has been mainly interested in tilling the soil and in the cultivation of his farm. In early life he resided in Manor Township for some years, and after his marriage became a farmer in Pequea Township, where he became owner of some two hundred and ten acres. For three decades he was extensively engaged in general farming and stock-raising, making a success of his calling. For nearly twenty years he has been living in Millersville in his commodious and well furnished home.

A member of the Mennonite Church, in the faith of which he was reared, he is devoted to its tenets and is also much interested in educational matters, having served for a number of terms as School Director in Pequea Township, and was one of the organizers of and a stockholder in the New Danville Pike. He deposits his ballot in favor of the nominees and principles set forth by the Republican party, and is a patriotic and respected citizen of these parts.

In December, 1845, David Landis married Fannie Mayer. Her father, Martin Mayer, was formerly a leading farmer and minister of Manheim Township and is now deceased. His death occurred in 1872. Five children were born to David and Fannie Landis, as follows: Urias, who died in childhood; Mary A., Fannie; Amos, who married Lizzie, daughter of Amos Herr, of Lampeter Township, and Lizzie, who died in infancy. Amos, the only living son of this family, is an enterprising young agriculturist of Pequea Township, and is there engaged in carrying on the old

homestead still owned by his father. Mary A. is deceased, and Fannie, who is living with her parents in Millersville, has received excellent educational and general advantages. David Landis inherits the business qualifications and the honest and sturdy hardihood of a long line of most industrious and honorable ancestors.



**H**ENRY BOWMAN carries on a first-class general store at Millersville, Lancaster County. He has a well selected stock, and by his courteous and genial treatment of his customers has won many friends in this community, and his trade is continually increasing. He is a son of Jacob and Susan (Grabill) Bowman, and is a native of Lancaster, where his birth occurred October 27, 1835. The Bowman family located in this region during the last century, having come with a German colony. The paternal grandfather of our subject was born in Ephrata, of this county, was a good business man and possessed considerable wealth at the time of his death. He conducted a fine farm and at the same time engaged in hotel-keeping. His home was on the Downingtown branch of the Lancaster Pike, which was then largely traveled between Philadelphia and Pittsburg, and there he continued to live until his death, at the ripe old age of ninety years. He was a member of the Dunkard Church and was a true patriot, taking part in the militia service and being much interested in the success of the Whig party, with which he was identified. For his wife he married Elizabeth Baer and to them were born the following children: Jacob, Abram, Jonas, David, Mary, Elizabeth, Julia, Maria, Sarah and Hannah. The family are noted for longevity. The mother died at the age of eighty-eight years and her children's ages at their demise averaged eighty years.

Jacob Bowman, the father of our subject, was the eldest son of his family; he was born at Ephrata

and followed agricultural pursuits, dealing considerably in real estate. The early part of his life he lived in this locality, but later removed to Lancaster and thence to Delaware, his death occurring in Wilmington. In that city he served on the Council and was an ardent Whig. By his marriage with Susan Grabill he had a family of five children, William, who resides at Battle Creek, Mich.; Henry; Charles, and Julia and Susan, who died in childhood. Jacob Bowman was stricken with the cholera in 1849, when in his forty-sixth year, and died of that dread disease.

The early education of our subject was received in the common schools of Lancaster, and at the early age of fourteen years he became associated with his cousin, B. B. Martin, in general merchandising at Millersville, continuing thus for four years. At the end of that time he became a partner in the firm of Bowman & Martin, continuing for two years as such, and on the expiration of that time bought Mr. Martin's interest, since which time he has conducted the business in his own name. Few men in the community have devoted themselves more steadily and industriously to one line of business than has Mr. Bowman, who has been engaged in commercial pursuits in this place for about half a century. He is therefore very well known, and this record would be surely incomplete without this brief tribute to his worth. In his place of business may be found everything usually carried in a first-class country store.

September 20, 1860, Mr. Bowman married Elizabeth Shenk. Her father, Jacob K., who was a well-to-do farmer of Lancaster County, is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Bowman four children have been born: Charles E., who married Miss Mary Newpher, and assists in the management of his father's store; Henry L., who is engaged in the steel works at Pittsburg; Jacob S., at home at the present writing, and Mary, who has been given an excellent musical education and is a teacher of the art in the Spruce Street Academy of Philadelphia.

A loyal citizen, Mr. Bowman never fails to cast his vote either at the primaries or regular elections, and is a staunch Republican. For a number of years he was a Trustee in the Millersville State

Normal School, and has been interested in the cause of education. At the present time he is a Director in the Farmers' Bank of Lancaster. Ever since 1876 he has been an Elder in the Lutheran Church, and for the past twenty years has served as Superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is strictly honorable and conscientious in the discharge of his duties in life, and those who know him best have the utmost confidence in his genuine trustworthiness.



JACOB RIEKER has for nearly forty years been one of the respected citizens of Lancaster, having arrived here with his young wife in 1857, and has ever since made this his place of abode. He has a fine market at Nos. 39 and 41 East Vine Street, where he has succeeded in building up one of the best trades in the city. In everything that pertains to the general welfare he takes a very active part and has never regretted the decision he made to permanently settle in Lancaster at the time he first visited the place. He was favorably impressed at that early day and believed that a great future of prosperity was in store for this region. Mr. Rieker is of German ancestry, his father, Fred, having been born in Wurtemberg, in which province his own birth took place, March 12, 1825. The father was a tavern keeper and also a butcher and was engaged in business during all his lifetime in Wurtemberg. He married Margaret Rieker and had a family of the following children: Frederick, Margueretta, Joanna, Catrina and Louisa. The father, who was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church, died in 1839, at the age of forty-six years, while his wife's death occurred when she was about sixty years old.

Jacob Rieker was given good school advantages and learned the butcher's trade in his youth, serving at the same for about three years, and subse-

quently worked as a journeyman until 1857, when he left his native land to seek his fortunes in America. With his newly wedded wife he came to this city on a visit to his sister, and at the end of two months started in business, opening a market at the corner of Vine and South Queen Streets, where he remained for a year. In 1858 he removed to his present location and before long had succeeded in the acquisition of a very substantial trade, which has constantly increased from year to year until he has one of the best and most remunerative markets of Lancaster, and for most of this time he has personally supervised the butchering of stock for his patrons, thus being able to secure for them the very best to be had.

April 16, 1857, Mr. Rieker married Barbara Krasle. She has been a faithful helpmate and companion to her husband, assisting him by her wise counsel and aid along the journey of life. To them were born seven children: Adam F., who married Ada Sieger; Jacob; Fred; Carolina, who married John Antz; Mary, Louisa and Minnie. In politics our subject uses his right of franchise in favor of the Democratic party. Socially he belongs to the Society of the Seven Wise Men, and with his family attends the Lutheran Church.



**W**ILLIAM W. BONES is engaged in cultivating his farm, which is situated in Conestoga Township, Lancaster County. For several years he has been one of the leading citizens of this community, and was honored with the position of Prison Inspector of the county in 1883, in which capacity he served for one year. In educational measures his influence has always been felt on the side of progress, and he has served as a School Director for four terms in this township. For a period of three years he was a member of the Jury Commission, and in these several positions has made the welfare of the general public his great end and aim at all times.

James Bones, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Chester County, Pa., and in

his day was a leading farmer of his neighborhood. He followed farming as his chief occupation, and always kept large numbers of fine stock on hand. A great lover of horses, he was considered one of the best authorities on the subject in the counties of Chester and Lancaster. In his political belief he was a supporter of the Democracy. By his marriage with Mary A. Wright were born six children, as follows: Susan E., who married a Mr. Weeks; William W., Benjamin F. (deceased), Rebecca, John W., and Jane, now the wife of Dr. Shank.

William W. Bones was born in Chester County, Pa., November 21, 1838, and his education was obtained in the district schools of Manor Township, this county, where he pursued his studies for about ten years. Afterward he took a course of four terms at the Millersville Normal School, but since his twenty-second year has been principally occupied as an agriculturist. After attaining his majority he was employed as a farmer for two years, and then for a like period of time was engaged in merchandising. This business he abandoned at the expiration of a couple of years, finding that his qualifications and tastes were more in the direction of farm life, and from that time until the present he has given every energy to the development and management of his farm, which comprises one hundred acres. It is well improved and is one of the most valuable pieces of property in the township, having good buildings, fences, etc., upon the place.

For many years Mr. Bones has been identified with the Methodist Episcopal denomination, and for years has been a Trustee of the congregation where he holds his membership. For about two years he was Sunday-school Superintendent, and has been much concerned in every department of church work. In his fraternal relations he is a Mason, belonging to Charles M. Howell Lodge No. 496, of Safe Harbor, and is connected with Lodge No. 222, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of the same place.

In the year 1864 was celebrated the marriage of William W. Bones and Miss Mary A. Davis. Three children have graced their union, namely: David D., James and Lizzie. Mrs. Bones is a daughter

of David Davis, a well-to-do mechanic of Conestoga Township. She was born in 1842, and received the advantages of a good education in the schools adjacent to her home. She has proved a faithful companion and helpmate to her husband on life's journey, and has cheered and aided him with her counsel and helpful ways. Mr. Bones bears a high reputation as a man in whom every confidence may be safely placed, and his word may be considered as good as his bond.



**H**UGH S. GARA is a highly respected old settler and leading citizen of Lancaster, who in former years was a merchant and for a long period has been Notary Public. He was President and helped to organize the Union Building and Loan Association and continued as an official until the first issue was paid out. He is very much interested in civic societies, being Secretary of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., and Secretary of Chapter No. 43, R. A. M. In Goodwin Council No. 19, R. & S., he is the present Recorder, and holds a similar post in Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T.

Born in East Lampeter Township March 28, 1819, Hugh S. is the eldest of the living children. The family originally comprised three sons and two daughters, but four of the number are deceased. Isaac B., a brother, was Deputy Secretary of the staff of Governor Geary and was Postmaster at Erie. Formerly a journalist, he is now retired from business. The youth of Hugh S. Gara was passed at his birthplace, and when fifteen years of age he commenced clerking at Strasburg, where he remained three years. In 1839 coming to Lancaster, he obtained a position in a store and later embarked in trade for himself with David Cockley as a partner. Later buying out that gentleman's interest, Mr. Gara continued his dry-

goods and general merchandise trade at No. 128 East King Street until 1863, when he sold out.

The next enterprise to which our subject gave his attention was to fire and life insurance, and he was thus engaged for nearly twenty years, selling out in April, 1892, to Christopher Hager. He represented the North American, Pennsylvania and Franklin Insurance Companies of Philadelphia, the Liverpool, London, Globe, Queen, Hanover and other societies. Since January, 1874, he has been Notary Public for Lancaster County National and for the first National Banks. For a period of nine years he was one of the inspectors of the county prison, and a portion of this time officiated as Treasurer of the same. For three years he was a School Director and has always been much interested in educational affairs.

The home of Mr. Gara, which is located at No. 206 East King Street, was erected by him and has always been the abode of hospitality. Mr. Gara was married in Lancaster in 1844, to a native of the city, Miss Sarah J. Buck, who was called from this life March 13, 1890, leaving one child, Elizabeth B. For over thirty years Mr. Gara has been a member of the Presbyterian Church, and for two decades has been President of the Board of Trustees. For a long time he was Superintendent of the Sunday-school and to general church work has given a great deal of his time. Besides the fraternity to which we have referred, Mr. Gara is a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F.



**J**HARRY WIDMYER has one of the oldest locations in the furniture business in the city of Lancaster, as his father started in the manufacture of this line of articles in the early part of this century on this identical site, at the corner of Duke and East King Streets.

The birth of our subject occurred May 29, 1847, where the court house is now situated. His father, Christian Widmyer, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and learned the cabinet-maker's

trade. Coming to this country a single man, he married Harriet M. Brown, who was born in Lancaster and was the daughter of John Brown, an old settler of this place. Christian Widmyer established himself in business, and at that time all furniture was made by hand. He built up a good trade, and erected the first four-story building put up in the city, this being the place where his son is now engaged in trade. Until 1871 he continued in the business, then being bought out by J. H. Widmyer and J. F. Ricksecker, after which he lived a retired life and died November 22, 1892, at the age of eighty-five years. He was an active Democrat, and religiously was a Lutheran. His wife, who died in 1886, was then seventy-eight years of age. They were the parents of two sons and four daughters, and all of the family with the exception of one daughter are yet living.

The early education of J. H. Widmyer was obtained in the public and high schools of this city, and for a time he was a student in a private institution. At the age of seventeen he began learning the cabinet-maker's trade, and at the end of four years was a practical workman. In his father's factory he was Assistant Superintendent until September, 1871, when, as previously stated, in company with his partner he bought out his father. Since 1886, at which time he purchased his partner's interest, he has continued the business alone. At times he has employed twenty-five men, and sold his wares in all parts of the county. In 1891 he remodeled his building, making the front of the ground floor entirely of plate glass, and thus these show windows are the finest in the city. This is the largest furniture establishment in the city, and a full line of choice and less costly goods is kept in stock. The building has a frontage of thirty-six and a-half feet and is one hundred and twenty-six and a-half feet in depth, with a wing 34x42 feet. In addition to his furniture trade, the proprietor has a large undertaking establishment, and in this department his son, David B., is associated with him.

In 1869 Mr. Widmyer was married in Lancaster, to Dora S., daughter of David Binkley, who was a miller by trade. Mrs. Widmyer was born in Lancaster County, and by her marriage has become the

mother of a son, David B. He graduated from the high school and afterward attended the Millersville Normal, and is a graduate of an embalming school in Harrisburg. The parents are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, of which our subject has been one of the Deacons, and Librarian of the Sunday-school for years. Fraternally he is a charter member of the Royal Arcanum of this place, in which he has passed all the chairs, and also belongs to the Loyal Legion. Politically he deposits his ballot for Democratic nominees.



**E**WESLEY PYNE, a skilled musician making his home in Lancaster, is the author of many brilliant instrumental compositions and organist of St. James' Episcopal Church. He was born in Somersetshire, England, in 1863, and came from a very musical family, the gift having seemingly been transmitted from one generation to another. His ancestors originally settled in Devon, but later removed to Kent. Thomas Pyne, the great-great-great-grandfather of our subject, was a fellow of St. Mary's College, and one of his descendants was a Justice on the Queen's Bench. There are still in existence at Grayford some ancient buildings which are still known as "Pyne's Row."

The grandfather of our subject, J. Kendrick Pyne, was a celebrated tenor singer, living between the years 1785 and 1857. His son, James Kendrick Pyne, father of our subject, was born in 1810 and was a pupil in music of S. Wesley and Johann Sebastian Bach. His compositions are well known, among them being five prize glees and an anthem, for which he received the Lord Gresham prize medal.

Louisa Pyne, a niece of our subject's father, was the daughter of George Pyne, an eminent tenor singer. She was a prima donna in English opera and a noted oratorio singer. Her sister, Susan Pyne, was also a well known contralto. Our subject's father was a fellow of the Royal Academy of Music in

London and departed this life in 1893, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. He held the position of organist in the cathedral at Bath, England, for a period of fifty-two years.

The family of James K. Pyne included five children. Louisa, a brilliant musician, is now the wife of George Tetley, and resides in Leeds, England; James Kendrick is organist of the Manchester Cathedral; Minton is organist for St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia; our subject was the next in order of birth. Zoe is a graduate of the Conservatory of Music in London, where she makes her home.

E. Wesley was reared to man's estate in Bath, England, and was educated at Magdalen College, Oxford, England. He was the solo boy of the college choir, which was considered a great honor. He also studied music under Sir Walter Parratt, who is now organist to Her Majesty the Queen. Our subject was graduated from Oxford in 1881 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and coming about that time to America, spent one year in Wisconsin. Returning at the expiration of that time to his native land, he came three months later to this country, and locating in this state was offered the position of organist of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Altoona. His next position was with Mt. Calvary's Episcopal Church in Baltimore, where he remained for six years, during that time training four different choirs. He then became organist for St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo, N. Y., and one year later, in June, 1893, came to Lancaster, where he accepted the position of organist of St. James' Episcopal Church. He is also training the choir of the Episcopal Church in Harrisburg and has charge of the choir of the Presbyterian Church in Columbia, in both of which cities he teaches music.

Professor Pyne, together with Rev. P. J. Robotom and Rev. Charles L. Fry, were the prime movers in organizing the Oratorio Society in this city, which was successful from the start. Professor Pyne was chosen leader of the society and their rendition of the "Holy City" in 1894 was magnificent and greatly appreciated by the music-loving people of Lancaster.

Professor Pyne was married in Philadelphia, in February, 1885, to Miss Margaret, daughter of

George E. Arnold, who was President of the clearing house of that city for over a quarter of a century. To them have been granted three children, Ernest Sebastian Wesley, Margaret Cecelia and Emily Kendrick. In politics he is a Republican, and while living in his native England was a Conservative.



**S**AMUEL J. POOL, who is Superintendent of the Lancaster Cemetery, was born in the city of Lancaster, November 6, 1834, the son of Edward Pool, also a native of the same place. His mother was Mary Hatz, a native of Lancaster, where her parents were also born, though the Hatz family was of German origin. Our subject's Grandfather Pool came from the North of Ireland and settled in Little Britain, Lancaster County, on a farm. Our subject's mother died at the age of sixty-eight years, being a devoted member of the Lutheran Church. Samuel J. is one of a family of four children, two sons and two daughters. The sons, who are still surviving, are William and Samuel, our subject. William was a soldier in the late war, a member of Company K, Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Regiment, and held the rank of Lieutenant.

He of whom this memoir is written was reared in the city of Lancaster and at the age of fifteen learned the silver-plating business under Phillip Worner, after which he engaged in that business for himself on Prince Street, continuing for eighteen years, and doing a general silver-plating business in all of its branches. He employed from seven to nine hands in his works, and continued in that line until the electric plating process came into use. In 1883 he became Superintendent of the Lancaster Cemetery, and still holds that position. During the summer season the Trustees of the Cemetery Association employ from seven to nine men, who work under his supervision. Under our subject's management many valuable and attractive im-

provements have been made about this beautiful cemetery, where rest the departed dead of Lancaster. In 1891 a superintendent's house was erected. This cemetery consists of twenty-one acres, with an entrance on East Lemon Street.

Our subject was united in marriage at Lancaster in 1855, to Miss Mary C. Stounfeltz, a native of Lancaster. Three children bless this union, Mary E., Mrs. W. F. Wiley, of Lancaster; Edward, our subject's assistant; and Clementina, Mrs. George Forrest, of Lancaster.

Mr. Pool is active in public affairs, and is a member of the Common Council from the First Ward, having served two terms. He is an honored member of Lodge No. 68, K. of P., and is also a member of the Order of Red Men.

Politically Mr. Pool is identified with the Republican party. The family attend the Lutheran Church, of which his wife is a member. No better person could have been selected for the position he holds than Mr. Pool. He is thorough and painstaking, as well as obliging to the public with whom he has come in contact. Every part of this beautiful cemetery gives evidence of his careful and economical management.



**G**EORGE A. TRIPPLE, of Safe Harbor, is a member of the firm of Haskell, Tripple & Co., also of the firm of George A. Tripple & Co. The first mentioned firm are engaged in the milling business in this place, and have two other mills at Rock Hill. For fifteen years prior and up to the war he was engaged in carrying on a general store in company with David Warfel, and since that time has been interested in the coal and lumber trade mainly, having been very successful in this line of business.

The Tripple family is of German origin, and Joseph, the father of our subject, was born in

Berks County, in the village of Kutztown, where his father located on his arrival from Germany. Joseph Tripple was a hatter by trade and carried on the business quite extensively in Lancaster, having one of the oldest stores in the place, which was his home during the most of his life. In later years, he continued in his trade at Safe Harbor, where his death occurred. He was a soldier of the War of 1812, and was present at the attack on Baltimore. A very earnest Democrat, he was active in the ranks of that party, and in religious faith was a Catholic. He married Miss Mary Smith, by whom he had ten children: Susan, who died in infancy; Mary, Catherine, John, Susannah, Joseph C., William S., Mary A., George A. and Susan, the second. The father died at the age of seventy-one years, in 1853, and the mother in August, 1840, aged fifty-six years.

The subject of this sketch was born February 8, 1826, at Lancaster, and received his education in the schools of this place. When fifteen years of age, he learned the tailor's trade, in Bellefonte, Centre County, which he has more or less ever since followed. For a short time he was located in Caledonia, Elk County, Pa., was seven years in Bellefonte, and in 1848 came to Safe Harbor. Here he has followed his calling as a merchant tailor ever since in connection with other enterprises. In 1857 he opened a general store, in which he did business for fifteen years. Afterwards, in company with his former partner, he started a coal and lumber yard, and operated a sawmill at Bainbridge. When that partnership was discontinued he retired from business for two years, and then once more embarked in general merchandise with Mrs. Amos Sourbeer, whose husband had formerly been in business with him, and they continued for five years together. Subsequently he was a member of the firm of Tripple & Rose, in Manor Township, for four years, and for a period of three years he was in business in Smithville, having charge of a country store. In 1889 Mr. Tripple opened a branch store in Steelton that was managed by his nephew, George T. Rose, for two years; he did a good business and then he sold out. This is in brief a summary of only a few enterprises in which our subject has been successfully engaged, and now he



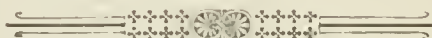
is interested in the firm of George A. Tripple & Co., they carrying on mercantile business in the building formerly occupied by the Safe Harbor Iron Company, at Safe Harbor. In Conestoga Township, Mr. Tripple owns a good farm of eighty-nine acres, one of the rich iron ore farms of the community.

Politically our subject is a Republican, is now and has been for fourteen years past, Auditor of Conestoga Township, and was formerly Treasurer of the Safe Harbor Savings Bank. For two years Mr. Tripple owned a general notion and dry-goods store at Anderson, Ind., which was conducted by his daughter, the firm being M. G. Tripple & Co.

November 6, 1848, our subject married Harriet, daughter of William Bowen, a hotel-keeper of this city. Ten children were born of this marriage, William and John J., who died in infancy; Mary E., wife H. K. Hershey, Alexander, Ind.; Hattie, Mrs. Shelly; Curtis F.; Osear and Susan, who died in childhood; Lottie and Georgiana, who are at home; and Minnie G., who manifested excellent business qualities while running the store at Anderson, Ind., and is now stenographer for the firm of Slaymaker, Barry & Co., of Lancaster. William Bowen, the father of Mrs. Tripple, was of Welsh descent, and a resident formerly of Chester County, and in later years of Safe Harbor. One of his sons, Eh, who was locally styled the Humboldt of America, was one of the greatest geologists in the country, and published a work on the subject which has long been recognized as standard, the title of the same being "Physical History of the Creation of the Earth and its Inhabitants." He is also author of a book of rules useful to those conducting postoffices, and he was for a short time in the general postoffice at Washington, D. C.

George A. Tripple is a member of the Methodist Church, having been for forty-five years connected with the congregation at Safe Harbor, and for about a quarter of a century has been a local preacher. Socially he has passed through all the chairs of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to the lodge of this place, No. 334, and is a Knight Templar Mason. He is also identified with the Temple of Honor, and belonged to the Sons of

Temperance in former years. He is a member of Washington Lodge No. 156, F. & A. M., at Drummore Center, of this county, and has always been very prominent in local affairs.



**H**ON. SAMUEL T. DAVIS, M. D., has had a long and distinguished career, being one of the leading citizens of Lancaster. He served his friends and neighbors as a Representative in the State Legislature, and in the line of his profession has long been in the front ranks. He is especially skillful as a surgeon, though he has a large general practice, and is now President of the State Board of Health.

Our subject's paternal grandfather, Lewis Davis, was born in South Wales and came to America, settling in Lancaster County at an early day. For some years he was engaged in the distillery business, and later in life he became a resident of Huntingdon County, where he departed this life. The father of the Doctor was Henry Davis, whose birth occurred in Rohrerstown, this county, where he was reared until fourteen years of age. He then removed with his parents to Huntingdon County, there learning the wagon-making and blacksmith's trade. He also was an agriculturist, and during his later years turned his attention solely to farming. Though now eighty years of age, he is still active and well preserved. His wife, Catharine (Wallheater) Davis, was born in Pennsylvania, and is of German descent. Her father, whose given name was Henry, removed to Huntingdon County, where he engaged in farming until his death. His wife has attained the age of seventy-seven years, and is a woman of more than ordinary ability and good qualities. Four of her sons were in the service during the late war in the defense of the Union.

Dr. Davis was born March 6, 1838, at Cottage, Huntingdon County, being one of six children, all of whom are still living. In boyhood he learned

his father's trade, but was ambitious to acquire an education, early deciding to enter the medical profession. He pursued his studies in this direction by himself at first, reciting to Dr. H. Orlady, and later taking a course at Mooresville Academy, and at Millersville State Normal School. Afterward he taught school for a time, when, the war breaking out, he enlisted in Company H, Fifteenth Pennsylvania Infantry, being in the service three months. Re-enlisting in Company C, Seventy-seventh Regiment, as Second Lieutenant, he was successively promoted until he received the commission of Captain of Company G, which company he himself re-enlisted. While on the staff of Gen. William Grose, at the engagement at Resaca, he was severely wounded, and for five days lay on the field. After being at the hospital at Chattanooga for three months he was honorably discharged in 1864.

Returning to his interrupted medical studies, the Doctor took a course of lectures at Jefferson Medical College and at Long Island Medical College, from which he graduated in 1865. Going to Millersville, he was for a year in partnership with Dr. S. B. Hartman. For the succeeding nine years he was in practice alone, and in 1874 removed to Lancaster, his office at the present time being located at No. 132 North Prince Street.

Dr. Davis was married in Millersville, October 2, 1866, to Miss Elizabeth Fenstermacher, who was born in that place, being a daughter of Christian Fenstermacher, an old settler of that locality. The Doctor and his wife have no children of their own, but have an adopted daughter, Martha H.

In July, 1889, our subject was appointed President of the State Board of Health, and was re-elected in July, 1893. In addition, he is a member and Vice-President of the City Pathological Association and has been President of the County Society. He was one of the original members of the American Surgical Association and is a member of the American Medical Association. At the conventions of the various medical societies he has delivered many addresses, and while in the Legislature was very active in matters pertaining to hygiene and sanitary affairs. He was a member of the Pan-American Medical Congress which convened at Chi-

cago in 1893, and in short, has always been prominent in everything pertaining to his profession.

In local politics the Doctor has taken considerable interest and served in the City Council for five years, having been at one time President of the same. In the fall of 1885 he was elected to the State Legislature on the Republican ticket, and two years later was re-elected by the largest Republican majority ever polled in Lancaster. Fraternally he is a member of George H. Thomas Post No. 84, G. A. R., of the Union Veteran Legion and of the Loyal Legion. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and has served as Master in Perfection Lodge No. 66, of this city.



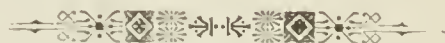
**P**EARSON E. GRUGER, a well known and public spirited citizen of Lancaster, has been engaged in business in this city for exactly thirty years, during which time he has made many sincere friends in the various walks of life. For nearly that length of time he has conducted a marble and granite trade at No. 25 South Queen Street, his business having steadily increased year by year, until he has had to employ a large number of men in the work. Mr. Gruger is a son of Adam P. and Hannah C. (Sallada) Gruger, his birth having occurred October 1, 1834, in Stoneburg, Berks County, Pa. The name is very well known in this state, as members of the family are very numerous in certain counties. The original founders of the family in America were of Huguenot descent and settled mainly in the southern states. Peter, the paternal grandfather of our subject, died when his son Adam was only ten years of age. The latter was born in Lehigh County, this state, in June, 1808, and learned the saddler's trade, which business he followed for a number of years. He also was engaged at coach trimming,

and at one time was Postmaster of Womelsdorf, Berks County. In politics he was in his early life a Democrat, but later espoused the principles of the Republican party. He was a member of the Reformed Church and fraternally was a Mason, belonging to old Mt. Lebanon Lodge, which has since disbanded. His death occurred in February, 1891, when he had attained the ripe old age of eighty-two years, but his wife is still living, her home being in Columbia. They were the parents of the following children: P. E., Francis; Louisa, now a resident of Columbia; John, who is engaged in the marble business in Philadelphia; Martha, deceased; Mary, who resides with her mother in Columbia; Charles, a traveling salesman, whose death occurred in Philadelphia, at the age of thirty-three years; William and Emily, deceased; Clara, and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Gruger, whose name heads this article, received his early education in the public schools of Lancaster; afterward it was his privilege to attend the old Franklin College, when it was located on Lime Street. When seventeen years of age, he left his studies in order to learn a trade, and was employed with C. M. Howell, of this city, for five years. For the succeeding six years he worked in Philadelphia, after which he returned to locate permanently in this place. In 1866 he opened a marble and granite establishment on South Queen Street, where he has ever since been engaged in this business. On an average some eight men are employed, and as many as seventeen workmen have been at times required in order to meet large contracts. Mr. Gruger is a good business man, and has, by attending strictly to his own affairs and by the exercise of industry and correct principles of trade, acquired a comfortable fortune.

May 20, 1858, Mr. Gruger married Rebecca, daughter of Philip Metzger, and of their union eight children have been born, as follows: Charles; Florence, who died in infancy; Margaret, William, Frank, Walter, Catherine and Harry. The mother of these children was called from this life January 9, 1875, at the age of thirty-eight years. On Christmas Day 1883, our subject married Salome, daughter of David Nauman. Mr. and Mrs. Gruger are members of the Reformed Church, and for

many years the former was an Elder in the congregation at Columbia. In his political affiliations he is a staunch Republican and has been active in educational matters.



**A**MOS S. KREIDER was born and has passed his entire life in Pequea Township, and has long been numbered among the progressive farmers of Lancaster County. For several generations the Kreider family have been engaged in following agricultural pursuits in this immediate neighborhood and have been noted for their industrious and useful qualities. Michael Kreider, the grandfather of our subject, married a Miss Harnish, and to them nine children were born, namely: Lizzie (Mrs. Herr), Maria, Andrew, Jacob, Susan (Mrs. Miller), Martin, Barbara, Jonas and Sarah. The parents were members of the Old Mennonite Church and were very active in denominational work. Indeed, for years Michael Kreider was a minister in the church and rose to the rank of Bishop.

Michael Kreider, the father of our subject, was born in Pequea Township May 1, 1812, and from his boyhood followed the occupation of farmer. On arriving at mature years he chose for his life's companion Miss Maria Shank, and four children came to bless their home. Barbara, who became the wife of Hiram Woffel; Lizzie, deceased; Amos S., our subject, and Ephraim, deceased. The father was one of the leading members of the Old Mennonite Church and by all who knew him was highly regarded.

The birth of Amos S. Kreider occurred on the 6th of May, 1845, in Pequea Township, within whose boundaries almost all of his life has been spent. He remained under the parental roof until about twenty years of age, assisting in the work of the farm, and during the winter seasons he attended the common schools of the locality. When he was married, about 1865, he took charge

of the home farm for himself and has since that time been industriously engaged in its cultivation and improvement. The farm, which is one of the best in this region, is very fertile and everything about the place is kept up in good shape, bespeaking the care and labor of the thrifty owner. In the homestead there are about eighty acres, which are well adapted for purposes of general farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Kreider has one child, a daughter, Annie W. In his political belief Mr. Kreider is a Republican and in all public affairs is found on the side of advancement and progress. By means of extensive reading he has become well posted on current affairs and matters of interest and is an entertaining conversationalist. His business methods are strictly honorable and upright in every particular, and for that reason, and because of his uniform courtesy and friendliness, his neighbors are always his well-wishers.



**J**OHN M. KEIPER is one of the most liberal supporters of new enterprises in Lancaster, and is a member of the firm of J. M. Keiper & Hertzler, who conduct a large and lucrative business, being dealers in furniture and upholstery. A native of Dauphin County, he was born in Derry Township, October 14, 1831, his parents being Samuel and Anna (Moore) Keiper. His paternal grandfather, whose Christian name was Jacob, lived in the early part of his life in Reamstown, Lancaster County, that place being his home during his entire life. He was a cooper by trade and became quite well-to-do. He was a patriot of the War of 1812, and in religion held to the faith of the Reformed Church. He married a Miss Meyers, whose family were among the pioneers of this county, but later emigrated to the west. This worthy couple became the parents of six children: Samuel, John, Joseph, Benjamin, Sallie A. and Pollie.

The eldest member of the family, Samuel, was born near Reamstown, Lancaster County, and was

a man of ordinary education. On arriving at mature years he engaged in blacksmith work and afterward became a drover, at which time his home was in Dauphin County, where most of his children were born. He was married in Berry Township when about twenty-one years of age, and had six children by that union, namely: John, Susan; Lizzie, Fannie and Jacob, who died in childhood; and Samuel, a resident of Allentown, Pa. The latter is a manufacturer of powder and dynamite, having a large and paying trade in those products. Susan became the wife of Benjamin Booser and lived for many years on the old homestead, in Dauphin County. The father of these children for a number of years was engaged in taking cattle from western points to the Philadelphia market, and his eldest son, our subject, on several occasions walked with him from Ohio to the Quaker City. In politics the senior Mr. Keiper was a Republican, and before the organization of that party was an old line Whig, having taken a very interested part in elections and having held a number of township offices. For a long time he was a Deacon in the Reformed Church and bore a reputation for honor and integrity. His death occurred in October, 1883, at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife, who survived him until March 1, 1888, was in her eighty-fourth year at the time of her demise.

J. M. Keiper received a district school education in Dauphin County, where they had only a four months' term during the year, but he made the best of such opportunities as were within his reach, and when quite young secured a certificate, after which he taught for a period of four years. At this time he had only attained his majority and his next venture was to engage in the manufacture of hay rakes in Dauphin County. Later selling out his business he invested money in oil lands, during the great excitement over that product, and was interested in that line for about four years. Subsequently he returned to Dauphin County, again turning his attention to the making of hay rakes, and met with an unfortunate accident, being crippled by a severe cut in the leg while working at his trade. After that our subject became a salesman, selling farm implements, and for

two years engaged in taking orders for sewing machines.

November 20, 1869, Mr. Keiper came to Lancaster, continuing in the sewing machine business, and afterward launched into the furniture trade, in which he has been very successful. About 1890 he took into partnership his son-in-law, Mr. Hertzler, and their business has constantly increased up to the present time. Our subject is one of the stockholders in the Champion Forge and Blower Company at Lancaster, and has also interests in various industries of this city and locality.

April 12, 1853, Mr. Keiper wedded Nancy, daughter of John Brinser, and four children graced this union, namely: Sarah Ann, wife of Harvey Hertzler, who is a partner with our subject; Linneus B., a traveling salesman for the Champion Forge and Blower Company; Albert, who died at the age of three months, and Henry B., President of the Champion Forge and Blower Company. The devoted wife and mother was called to her final rest September 2, 1890, being in her fifty-fifth year. The family number many sincere friends and acquaintances in the community where they make their home, and Mr. Keiper's influence is often solicited in the promotion of leading movements which have in view the upbuilding of the city.



**A**DAM PONTZ. Among the enterprising and successful business men of Lancaster is this gentleman, who is popular in all circles where he is known. He is one of the veterans of the late Civil conflict, having a war record of which he may well be proud, as he served faithfully for four years and three months in the defense of the Stars and Stripes, and took part in many of the important battles of the war. He is a staunch Republican, having supported the party since arriving at his majority.

A native of Lancaster, the birth of our subject occurred July 6, 1840, his parents being George and Elizabeth (Muscatnus) Pontz, whose history

is given in that of his elder brother, Jacob, which may be found elsewhere in this volume. Adam Pontz was reared in this city, where he attended the common schools, but was only eleven years old when he began working in a brick yard. Later for a few years he was employed in a cotton mill, and then, the War of the Rebellion coming on, he enlisted in Company K, Seventy-seventh Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was mustered into service at Pittsburg. As one of the soldiers of the Army of the West he was in the battles of Shiloh, Stone River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga and others, after which he returned home on a thirty days' furlough, rejoining his regiment at Blue Springs, Tenn. From there until reaching Atlanta he was with his regiment in numerous engagements and encounters with the enemy, and then fell back to Nashville, from which city he was sent to Texas to be placed on guard duty. In December, 1865, he received an honorable discharge at Victory, Tex., and was mustered out at Philadelphia on the 16th of the following January. He had never been off duty up to the time he arrived in Texas, where he was for a few weeks in the hospital with a fever. Though he had many narrow escapes he was never captured nor wounded. Enlisting as a private, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal, then Sergeant, and was mustered out as Orderly Sergeant.

Until the fall of 1867 Adam Pontz worked in the brick yard for Fred Coonley, and then in partnership with George Singleton bought out his interest. A year later the latter's portion was bought by our subject's brother Jacob, and the firm became A. Pontz & Bro. They continued this connection until 1885, when they dissolved partnership, each taking the management of one of the brick yards, which they owned in common. There are nearly nine acres in the one which our subject operates, and the three kilns have a capacity of about four million brick per annum, part of this being made by machinery and the rest are hand pressed. There are large sheds for storing and drying, and a thirty-five horse-power engine. The clay which is used is of a very superior quality, and during the busy season about forty hands are employed to carry on the work.

In 1868 Mr. Pontz wedded Susan Shay, who

was born and reared in this city. She is the daughter of Michael Shay, who was formerly also engaged in the manufacture of brick. Mr. and Mrs. Pontz have become the parents of six children: William H., a brickmaker; Frederick, who is a carpenter; Walter, a painter by trade; Gertie; Bessie and Philip S. Mrs. Pontz is a member of the Church of God, and presides over her pleasant home with grace and hospitality.

For some years our subject has been investing quite extensively in real estate, and in company with his brother Jacob has built fifteen residences. He also owns his home at No. 768 East Chestnut Street, and four acres of land within the city limits. He is now erecting a substantial brick residence in the eastern part of the city, and is doing a good share of the improvement and upbuilding of Lancaster. Though not at present connected with the societies, he was formerly an Odd Fellow and a Knight Templar, but still holds membership with Admiral Reynolds Post No. 405, G. A. R.



**E**DWARD C. HALL is proprietor of the Delmonico Hotel, which is noted for having the finest bar room in the city, it having been equipped at a cost of over \$6,000 and its location being very central, at No. 13½ Penn Square. Mr. Hall also instructs select classes in dancing, being the only master of this science in Lancaster.

Born in Strasburg, Lancaster County, September 1, 1855, Mr. Hall is a son of A. Carpenter and Elizabeth (Train) Hall, both likewise natives of this county. The paternal grandfather, Isaac Hall, was born in Chester County, Pa., and was a miller by trade, being for years proprietor of Mussleman's Mill. He was of English descent and comes of an old Quaker family, his father having emigrated from England to become a pioneer of Chester Coun-

ty. Isaac Hall participated in the War of 1812, and led a life of industry and usefulness, his death occurring in Strasburg at the age of seventy-one years. A. C. Hall followed the same calling as his father and carried on the old mill for a number of years. In August, 1861, he enlisted in the War of the Rebellion, being a member of Company K, Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, and with them taking part in many battles, being a part of the Army of the Cumberland. He served faithfully until January, 1865, when he returned home, but did not resume his milling on account of poor health. Locating in Lancaster, he made this city his home until his death, in 1884, at the age of seventy-one years. He was a very patriotic man, and at the time of his enlistment was over the required age, as his years entitled him to exemption from duty, and in politics he voted with the Democratic party. His wife, who is of English descent, is still living in this city, and eight of their nine children yet survive, three being residents of Canton, Ohio, and the others living in this city.

Edward C. Hall passed his first few years in the city of his nativity, but since 1861 has been almost continuously a resident of Lancaster. His educational advantages were those of the public schools, and on becoming of suitable age he entered the employ of the Conestoga Cork Works on Locust Street. On becoming proficient in the manufacture of corks he was made foreman of the works of G. W. Dodge & Son, serving in that capacity for about eight years. In 1882 he formed a partnership with W. J. and Gideon Arnold, and bought out the Cadwell Conestoga Cork Works, which were destroyed by fire. The firm removed then to Fulton and Lime Streets, where they built up the present Conestoga Cork Works, and about a year later Mr. Hall sold out his interest, afterward returning to the Lancaster Cork Works as foreman until the concern failed, April 18, 1885.

Subsequently our subject became proprietor of the Schiller House on North Queen Street, and operated the same for three years, after which he purchased the Delmonico Hotel, and has since carried this on. It has been greatly remodeled and improved, being one of the best hotels in the city. In this building there is a good hall, which is very

useful for dances, and in October, 1878, the Professor opened the first dancing school in the city, and has continued in this line more or less ever since.

The marriage of Mr. Hall and Miss Sarah M. Atlebach was celebrated in this city August 1, 1875. The lady was born in Lancaster, and is the daughter of Daniel and Susan Atlebach, the former being a brick manufacturer by occupation. The four children of our subject and his wife are, Mabel, who is attending the high school, being a member of the Class of '95; Charles, Walter and Raeh. The parents are members of the Grace Lutheran Church, and are active in social affairs. Mr. Hall belongs to the Junior Order of American Mechanics, to the Knights of Pythias, Artisans and Elks. Politically he stands by the men and measures advocated by the Democratic party.



**J**OHN OCHS, of Lancaster, is engaged in business at No. 366 South Queen Street, a handsome building of brick, which was erected by him. This building is three stories in height, is 30x36 feet in dimensions, with an annex 16x34 feet and three stories in height. Here Mr. Ochs runs a grocery, flour and feed business, and has succeeded in building up a fine trade. In many of the local affairs of the city he takes a prominent part, and is justly considered one of the leading business men within her borders.

Mr. Ochs was born September 19, 1832, at Wurtemberg, Germany, being a son of Martin and Lucia (Housman) Ochs. The former was a native of the same locality, and learned the trade of making nails, which business he followed during most of his life. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, in the faith of which he died in 1846, aged fifty-nine years. His wife departed this life in 1850, being then in her sixty-first year, as her

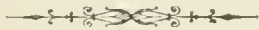
birth occurred in 1790. By her marriage she became the mother of seven children: Gottlieb, who died in Germany; Elias, who emigrated to this country and followed his trade in the iron works of this city; Christian, whose death occurred in the Fatherland; Frederick, a tanner by trade, who passed his life in Wurtemberg; Joanna, John and Margaret.

In the excellent national schools of Germany, our subject was a student until about fourteen years of age, when he commenced serving an apprenticeship which covered three and a-half years. The calling which he then learned and followed was that of making combs. In 1851 he left his native land, and after his arrival in the United States, was for a short time a resident of Lancaster. Afterward he worked on farms in different places while he learned the English language, and in 1856 permanently settled in this city. For some two years he worked in Graham's Comb Factory, and then started in business for himself as a flour and feed dealer on South Queen Street, continuing there until 1874, when he purchased the property where his plant is now situated. He employs two men and runs a delivery wagon constantly in order to supply his customers.

For two terms Mr. Ochs served as a member of the City School Board, and has always been greatly interested in educational affairs. He is liberal on the question of politics, though he favors the Democracy, and was for one term a member of the Common Council. In the Citizens' Electric Light Company he holds considerable stock, and is likewise interested in the Street Railway, and is one of the Directors of the Maennerchor Hall Association. Fraternally he is identified with Matamora Lodge No. 2, Order of Red Men, having passed through all the chairs; belongs to Monterey Lodge No. 242, I. O. O. F.; to Lamberton Lodge No. 476, F. & A. M., and to the Order of the Seven Wise Men.

For a period of ten years Mr. Ochs was Secretary of the St. Stephen's German Lutheran Church, and is President of the Vestrymen. May 11, 1856, was celebrated his marriage to Miss Christiana Hitzler, and of their union were born the following children: Catherine, wife of Jacob F. Koutz;

Charles E., a salesman in Pittsburg; Elizabeth, Mrs. Adam Kuhlman, the latter being a blacksmith residing at the home of our subject; John, deceased; Christian P., in the employ of the Adams Express Company of this city; John; Emma, whose death occurred at the age of two years, and Anna A. Mr. Ochs is a man of true worth, and is much respected by those who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. He has acquired his fortune and influence in the community by his native characteristics of industry and perseverance in whatever he undertakes.



**J**OHN F. PONTZ, formerly occupying the responsible position of Superintendent of the Water Works in Lancaster, is carrying on a profitable business as a contractor, painter and decorator, having a well equipped establishment and commanding the larger portion of the trade in the city.

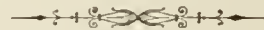
Our subject was born in this city February 4, 1862, and is the son of George Pontz, also a native of Lancaster and in turn the son of Jacob Pontz. The father of our subject was a painter by occupation and during the late war, in 1864, enlisted as a member of Company K, Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry. He served until the establishment of peace, after which he returned home and took up his trade, having his shops located on West King and Mulberry Streets. In 1879 he removed to the location now occupied by our subject, where he carried on business until his decease, October 28, 1890, at the age of fifty-five years. He was a thorough musician, and although making a specialty of campaign music, also sang in the Lutheran choir.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Amanda C. King. She likewise was born in this city and was the daughter of John King, a boot and shoe maker. Mrs. Pontz is now deceased, passing away April 14, 1893, and leaving three sons, of whom our subject is the eldest. He was educa-

ted in the public schools, and in 1877, when the time came for him to choose a calling in life, he began learning the trade of a painter and has reached the top round of the ladder in this branch of work. In 1890 he became the proprietor of the White Horse Hotel, which he operated for only a few months, and on the death of his father he sold out and took charge of the paint shops. Since that time he has completed the painting and decorating on the new court house, Lutheran Church, City Hall, besides numerous other public buildings.

In 1892 Mr. Pontz was appointed by the City Council as Superintendent of the water works, and while holding that position put in new pumps and made other necessary improvements. The lady whom he married December 25, 1881, was Miss Clara J. Shaw, a native of Montgomery County, this state. By her union with our subject there have been born two daughters, Elizabeth and Cleo.

Socially Mr. Pontz is a Knight of Pythias, belonging to Lodge No. 88, and also is connected with the Slatemaster Painters' Association. Like his father before him, he belongs to the Lutheran and Germania societies. In politics he is a believer in Democratic principles and has represented his party on various occasions to county and state conventions. For a number of years he was a member of the volunteer fire company and during that time was delegate to the firemen's convention. He is very prominent in local affairs and was the first President of the local Painters' Association in Lancaster.



**G**EORGE H. DARMSTAETTER, who has with efficient ability occupied various official positions of trust in his present locality, is well known and highly respected throughout the community. He is of German birth, having been born in Hesse-Darmstadt, October 4, 1827, and is a son of George and Mary E. (Loeller) Darmstaetter. The parents of our subject were married in Germany. To them were born seven



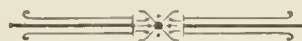
children, as follows: Anna Mary; Mary C., who married and came to this country and died in Illinois; Eva Mary, who was killed on a canal boat near Buffalo, N. Y.; George H., our subject; Magdaline, who also passed away in Illinois; Rev. J. Adam, a minister of the Lutheran Church at Columbia, Pa.; and Elizabeth, wife of John B. Diger (deceased), a resident of Harrisburg, Pa.

The father of our subject was a hotel keeper in Germany, and was also a butcher by trade. He served as a soldier in Napoleon's War for two years, taking part in several hard fought battles. He was born January 24, 1791, and departed this life January 20, 1810, at the age of forty-nine years. The mother was born February 20, 1799, and passed away March 13, 1863, at the age of sixty-four, in Lancaster.

Our subject emigrated to this country in 1818, accompanied by his mother, and landed in New York City September 14 of the same year. He came direct to Lancaster, arriving in this city on his birthday, and for forty-six years he has made his home here. Mr. Darmstaetter was united in marriage March 21, 1850, with Miss Julia Drepperd, and to them were born three children, namely: George H. (deceased), Mary Elizabeth and Anna C. Mrs. Darmstaetter was called away to her final rest April 19, 1856, at the age of thirty-four years. Our subject was married the second time February 1, 1864, to Miss Barbara C. Beck, and the result of this union was ten children, Magdalene, John Adam, Katie, Louie, Emma, Dorothy, Marie, John George, Anna Mary, and Martin Luther. John Adam, Dorothy, Marie and John George died when young.

Politically Mr. Darmstaetter is a staunch Democrat, taking an active part in politics. He is a member of the German Lutheran Church and has served as a Vestryman for over thirty years. For six years he served as Common Councilman, and as Select Councilman for one term, refusing re-election. He always took an active part in all questions coming before the council and is well posted in the issues of the day. He represented the Southeast Ward when there were but four wards in the town, and afterward the Seventh Ward. In 1882 he was elected a member of the School Board,

and is now serving his fifth term satisfactorily to all. He is a candidate at the present time for Jury Commissioner of Lancaster. He is a progressive and public-spirited citizen, ever ready to do his full share in matters of public welfare, and is numbered among the leading men of Lancaster County.



**J**OSEPH B. McCASKEY, D. D. S., is one of the oldest dentists engaged in practice in Lancaster, having learned his profession in this city, and having had his present office since 1864. He is skilled and has the reputation of being one of the finest dentists in the state, making a specialty of crown and bridge work, in which he is particularly advanced. His eldest son, Harry, and his son Joseph B., Jr., are, like their father, men of experience, and are now in business with him.

Dr. McCaskey was born in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, in 1839, being the second son of William McCaskey, who owned and operated a farm in that township. Our subject's brother, Prof. J. P., is represented elsewhere in this volume and is also a man of wide reading and a noted citizen of this county. The boyhood of our subject was passed on his father's farm, and in 1843 he came to this city, where he secured a good education in the common and high schools. About 1854 he first turned his attention to dentistry, studying with Dr. Whiteside, one of the pioneer dentists of this city. About 1861 our subject began practicing for himself in Hanover, York County, and three years later permanently located in this city, opening his office at No. 11 East King Street, which has since been his headquarters. His whole time has been devoted to practice and he has neglected no study or effort that would place him in the front rank of his profession. He is Pastmaster of Dental Surgery and crown and bridge work, in which great advancement has been made of late years. The former method of extracting a

number of sound teeth and resorting to the old fashioned plate is now largely abandoned, as the plates were so unsatisfactory and so evidently false. Providing two or three good sound roots are left in the jaw of the patient, modern dentistry has proved that they can be so utilized as to form a secure foundation for teeth set upon a bridge, and in one method or another, according to circumstances, attached to the aforesaid roots. There are many methods in use among dentists, and sometimes it is found that one and sometimes another process is best suited for a given case, and in this, good judgment, skill and experience on the part of the dentist are absolutely necessary in order to secure the best results.

In 1857 Dr. McCaskey married Miss Fannie Connell, who was born in Lancaster, and they have three children: Harry, Joseph B., Jr., and Clothilda. The home of the family is pleasantly situated at No. 320 North Duke Street. The young men have received the best of practical training from their boyhood in the office of their father and are perfectly competent in their profession. Joseph graduated in the Class of '90, from the Philadelphia Dental College. In politics the Doctor and his sons use their votes and influence in the support of the Republican party.



**W**ILLIAM A. HALBACH has one of the best equipped general job printing offices in Lancaster, and numbers among his patrons the leading business men, and also does the city printing. He has been blessed with prosperity of late years in his business ventures and employs good workmen, who are thoroughly familiar with the finest class of trade printing.

Our subject is a son of Henry G. and Sarah (Weidle) Halbach, and was born March 9, 1862, in Lancaster. The father, also a native of this place, learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed

exclusively during his active career. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and was an Odd Fellow. Politically he voted with the Democracy, and in his religious faith held membership with the Trinity Lutheran Church, taking quite an active part in the various lines of its work. In his family were three children, William A. being the eldest. Mary A. is the wife of Milton Weidle, a Teller in the First National Bank of this city. Grace is the wife of Grant Mentzer, who is in charge of the dry-goods department of the firm of Williamson & Foster, of Lancaster. The father departed this life in 1872, aged thirty-four years, but his wife is still living.

The educational privileges of our subject were those afforded by the grammar and high schools of Lancaster. He had almost finished his high school course when his father's death occurred, and as he was the only son he was obliged to seek employment in order to assist in the support of the family. To that end he began an apprenticeship as a printer with the *New Era*, remaining there for four years, and then serving as a journeyman for another year.

Completely mastering the details of the trade, and being very industrious and economical, young Halbach saved enough money to start in business on his own account in a very modest way. Therefore, in 1882 we find him embarking on his business career at No. 5 North Duke Street, where he engaged in job printing work, published the *Weekly Ledger*, *Market Directory* and other similar sheets. On his removal to No. 41 East King Street his business continually increased until, in order to meet the demand, he was obliged to secure larger quarters on Grant Street. For two years he was a member of the firm of Halbach & Lefever, but bought out his partner and continued the business alone on Grant Street until 1887, at which time he rented the Lancaster Skating Rink, which he operated and fitted up for a variety show. At the end of a year and a-half, this proving a complete failure and his losses having amounted to \$6,000, he returned to his former occupation, and in 1889 came to where he is now situated, at No. 44 East King Street. Here may be found improved presses, many varieties of type

and everything necessary in conducting a first-class job printing business, and employment is given to nine compositors.

Mr. Halbach is a Democrat and is identified with the Young Men's Democratic Society. Socially, he belongs to Lodge No. 68, K. of P., Monterey Lodge No. 242, I. O. O. F., Can-assa-te-go Tribe, No. 203, Order of Redmen; the German Turnverein Social Club; the Germania Singing Society and the Schuitzen Verein. He was one of the promoters of the Young Men's Democratic Society Band.

May 11, 1888, Mr. Halbach was united in marriage with Miss Emeline T. McCulley and they have had two sons, Allen H., who died at the age of eight months, and Robert C. Mrs. Halbach is the youngest daughter of Robert C. McCulley, a prominent citizen, who is engaged in the foundry business.



CYRUS W. STRICKLER for the past four years has been engaged in carrying on his valuable farm near the village of Creswell. He is a practical and thorough agriculturist, who in his farm work has met with a fair degree of success, and of late he has turned his attention to selling leaf tobacco and doing a general manufacturing business in this line. Since his boyhood Mr. Strickler has been well known in these parts, and the high esteem in which he is held by those who have known him a lifetime is the only commendation he needs to a stranger.

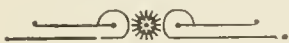
The birth of C. W. Strickler occurred June 21, 1855, on his father's old homestead at Wisler's Run. His parents were Obed and Magdalena (Wisler) Strickler. The latter name is of German origin, the paternal great-grandfather of our subject, who bore the Christian name of Joseph, having been a native of the Fatherland, and in an

early day came to the United States. His son, Joseph, was born in York County, Pa., where he was reared and passed the most of his life. Near York Village he built a gristmill, which he operated for a number of years, and afterward farmed near Goldsboro, there owning a place of one hundred acres. He was a Democrat and was a minister of the Dunkard Church. By his marriage with a Miss Leib he had five sons and two daughters, namely: Rebecca, Obed, Eli, Elizabeth, Henry, Joseph and Reuben. On the 31st of July, 1828, occurred the birth of the son Obed, the father of Cyrus W. He was reared in York County to agricultural pursuits, which he followed extensively. After his marriage he removed to this county and became the owner of a farm comprising one hundred and forty-five acres in Manor Township, on which he raised tobacco to a large extent. Like his father before him he was a Dunkard, and politically a Democrat. By his first wife, a Miss Miller, he had two sons, John and David, and after her death he married Miss Wisler, whose father, Jacob Wisler, was a well-to-do farmer, owning the place which has now come into possession of our subject. By this union were born four sons and three daughters, C. W., Mary K., Martin, Agnes, Elizabeth, Jacob and Enos W. Jacob died at the age of eight years, and the daughters became the wives of respected citizens of this community. The father departed this life July 15, 1888, when nearly sixty-six years of age, and his wife's death occurred September 17, 1890.

Cyrus W., who is the eldest child in his father's family, attended the district schools of Manor Township, and until nineteen years of age gave his dutiful assistance to his father in carrying on the farm. After his marriage he assumed charge of the Wisler farm, which belonged to his father. This valuable and improved place consists of one hundred and fifty-two acres, and for a period extending over sixteen years Mr. Strickler assiduously devoted himself to its proper management. In 1890 he removed to an adjoining farm, having sold the old home, and is still living on this place. He helped to elect Cleveland and is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. Socially he is a member of the Artisans' Society of Columbia, and

in everything pertaining to the general good endeavors to do his share.

On the 13th of November, 1872, Mr. Strickler married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob B. Frey, a well-to-do farmer of Manor Township, who owns property near the village of Creswell. To our subject and his estimable wife were born five sons, namely, Ira F., Aros F., Willis F., Simon F. and Jacob F.



**H**ENRY E. MUHLENBERG, M. D., has for over twenty years been engaged in the practice of his profession. He comes of an old and prominent family in this state and the name is inseparable from the history of this and adjoining counties. His great-grandfather, Rev. Henry E., was born in Trappe, Montgomery County, in 1755, being a son of Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, a native of Germany, who received a fine education and became a minister in the Lutheran denomination. He was born September 2, 1711, sailed for America in 1743, and came to Philadelphia re-organizing the scattered Lutherans in congregations. He preached in Pennsylvania and New York. He was the head of the church for a number of years, being a pioneer, and in his honor Muhlenberg College at Allentown was founded. His death occurred in 1787, and only three years later his son, Rev. Henry, before referred to, became a resident of Lancaster, and here his death occurred in 1815. He was a great botanist and was known as the Linnæus of America. His son, Dr. Frederick A., the next in line of descent, was born in this city about 1794 and was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania as Doctor of Medicine, practicing in Lancaster until shortly before his death in 1867.

Our subject's father, whose Christian name was Henry E., was born in 1816 and was the eldest son in his father's family. Like him, he also was graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania and made Lancaster his

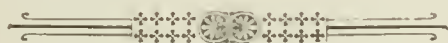
field of practice during his active career. For two terms under Grant's administration he was Collector of Internal Revenue, but before the second term was completed he was summoned from this life, in July, 1877. He was a leading member of the fraternity in these parts, was active in local enterprises, being a member of the Council and School Board, and was also one of the founders of the Lancaster Medical Society. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Cameron, was born in this city, being a daughter of John Cameron, a native of Lancaster County, and a brother of Simon Cameron.

The Cameron family is of Scotch descent, and they have long been numbered among the best citizens of this state. Mrs. Muhlenberg departed this life in 1860. She had a family of seven children. One of these, John C., is a Paymaster in the United States army. William was a Lieutenant in the Second Pennsylvania Infantry and died in the service, and Charles E., the youngest living, resides in Kansas.

Dr. Muhlenberg, of this article, was born and reared in Lancaster, his primary education being obtained in the common schools. Later it was his privilege to supplement his studies by a course at Yates Institute, after which he began studying medicine with his father. With this good beginning as a foundation he entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1869, and two years later, on his graduation, received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Returning to his native city he has been engaged in practice ever since with the exception of three years, from 1874 to 1877, which time he passed in Boston, New York and Philadelphia in the United States Marine Hospital service. In 1871 he was for a time with the preliminary survey of the Texas Pacific Railroad. His life has been very active, and it is worthy of mention that three of his family in succession have been engaged in medical practice in this city during the most of this century.

In Wilkes Barre, Pa., in 1879, Dr. Muhlenberg married Miss Emma J., daughter of John P. Fell, a leading business man of that city. The Doctor is a Republican, having been connected with that party since its organization. Fraternally he is

connected with the Masonic order, and has served on the Examining Board of Pensions for six years, comprising the term of Arthur's administration and a part of President Cleveland's first term. He stands at the head of his profession in this city, numbering many of the best and oldest families as his regular clients. The Doctor is a man who is thoroughly abreast with the times, taking the best periodicals in the medical world and keeping up his studies regularly, thus in addition to his many years' practice keeping in touch with the leading thought of the times.



**E**LI K. MYLIN is one of the old settlers and prosperous farmers of Pequea Township,

Lancaster County, having his postoffice at Herrville. For over half a century his home has been on the farm where he still resides and of which he is now the owner. His ancestors located at a very early day in this region, coming here with a colony of Mennonites, who have been very instrumental in the development and upbuilding of Lancaster County.

Jacob Mylin, the paternal grandfather of our subject, who followed agricultural pursuits, owned and carried on the identical farm which is now in the possession of his grandson, Eli K. He was a Whig prior to the formation of the Republican party, after which he became identified with the latter. He married Elizabeth Miller and their three children were John, Jacob and Eliza, who died in early childhood.

The father of our subject, John Mylin, was born December 25, 1806, in West Lampeter Township, receiving his education in the primitive schools of the day. From his youth he was strongly inclined toward agricultural pursuits, and in turn operated the farm which now belongs to his son. He married Elizabeth Kendig, and of their union eight children were born, only two of whom survive. Their names in the order of their birth

are as follows: Amos, Isaac, Eli K., Aaron, Martin, Eliza, John and Jacob. The father of these children supported the Whig party by his ballot, and in later years was a Republican. Like his father he was a member of the old Mennonite Church, and had the respect and love of his friends and neighbors for his upright and honorable life.

The subject of this article was born May 2, 1833, on the old homestead, and his life passed uneventfully during his youth. His days were spent in work on the farm and in play and sport of the country, and until nineteen years of age he pursued his studies in the neighborhood schools. From that time onward he has given his energies exclusively to farming. The homestead is a place of about one hundred and ten acres, well equipped with good fences, barns and necessary outbuildings. Mr. Mylin keeps on hand good grades of live stock more than sufficient for his own family use, and has been particularly successful in this branch of work.

March 20, 1861, was celebrated the marriage of Eli K. Mylin and Miss Martha Charles, who was born in Pequea Township and there grew to womanhood. Twelve children have been born to this couple, eight of the number being boys. In order of their birth they are as follows: Lizzie, John, Benjamin, Frances, Charlie, Jacob, Eli, Bertha, Walter, Celia, Henry and Christian. Lizzie, the eldest daughter, became the wife of Isaiah Stayman, and is a resident of Mt. Joy Township. The eldest son married Mary Grafe, and Frances is married to Harry Keen.



**D**AVID H. SHENK, M. D., a prominent physician of Lancaster, is engaged in the practice of his profession in partnership with Dr. M. L. Herr. Our subject is a native of this county and was born in East Hempfield, July 20, 1850. His father, Henry Shenk, was born near New Danville, as was also the grandfather, Rev. Henry Shenk, who was a minister and bishop in the

Menmonite Church. The Doctor's ancestors several generations back came from Switzerland and the family name was originally spelled Schenck.

Henry Shenk owned the land which is now the site of the zinc and lead mines. The lead and nickel ore on his estate having been discovered, he was offered \$75,000 for his farm, but refused to accept the proposition, and organizing a stock company, opened a mine and operated it for some time. He was very successful for a number of years but eventually lost all his property. He then removed to Lancaster, where he engaged in the liquor business, carrying on a good trade until his decease, in 1852. He was a Whig in politics and took an active part in public affairs.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Annie Barr. She was born on Willow Street, five miles south of Lancaster, and was the daughter of Samuel Barr, a farmer by occupation and of German descent. The mother died in 1874 leaving seven sons, three of whom now survive. Our subject lived in his native place until a lad of fourteen years, then removed with the family to Millersville, and there completed his studies in the normal school.

Young Shenk had always desired to lead a professional life and for two years he read medicine with Dr. S. T. Davis; at the end of that time he entered the Bellevue Hospital in New York City and after a period of two terms in that institution became a student in Long Island Hospital College, from which he was graduated in 1874 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He at once located for practice in Rohrerstown, this county, where he remained until 1894. March 15 of that year he came to this city and formed a partnership with Dr. M. L. Herr and they have a fine office located at No. 226 North Duke Street. He makes a specialty of diseases of the nose and throat, and has become prominent in professional circles and successful in his practice.

Dr. D. H. Shenk was married in Millersville September 9, 1874, to Miss Jennie Bones, a native of this county, and to them have been granted two children, Grace and Mabel, the latter of whom died after having passed her fifth birthday. The wife and mother departed this life October 21, 1893,

greatly mourned by a large circle of relatives and friends. She was a most estimable Christian lady and a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Doctor is physician to Lancaster County Prison for 1894, to which responsible position he was elected by the Board of Inspectors. Socially he is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Herschel Lodge and Washington Encampment. In religious affairs he is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and contributes liberally of his means toward its support. Politically, he believes in Republican principles and never fails to cast a vote in favor of candidates of that party. He belongs to the Lancaster City and County Medical Society, of which he has been Vice-President. He is likewise connected with the State Medical Association and the Lancaster Pathological Society.



**J**OHN J. BAUSMAN is one of the enterprising and progressive young farmers of Manor Township, his postoffice being at Millersville. He is a son of one of the pioneer families of this locality, and from boyhood has been reared to an industrious and active life. For the past seven years he has been engaged in cultivating and operating the farm formerly owned by his grandfather. It comprises one hundred and four acres and is one of the most valuable and highly improved farms of the township.

The subject of this biography was born October 12, 1859, in Lancaster Township, of this county. His parents, Henry and Barbara (Brennman) Bausman, were born in this county and are still living, though well along in years, on the farm cultivated by the father during his entire active life, it being advantageously situated in Lancaster Township. The boyhood days of John J. passed uneventfully, his time being spent partly in giving such assistance as he could in the work of the farm, and the remainder being devoted to the pursuit of an edu-

education. He attended the schools of the neighborhood and also those at Millersville. His school life was finished in the Normal, which he left at the age of seventeen years to devote his entire time to the future occupation of his life, that of farming. He remained under the parental roof until attaining his twenty-eighth year, when he was married and removed to this farm, which is owned by his father, and formerly was the property of Andrew Bausman. Our subject makes a specialty of raising tobacco, in which he has been very successful, and is a good general and practical all-around farmer.

The marriage of John J. Bausman was celebrated in January, 1887, when Miss Barbara Fry became his wife. She is a lady of excellent education, is a good housekeeper, and is a devoted companion and helpmate to her husband. Her father, John Fry, is a successful agriculturist of Rapho Township. Mr. and Mrs. Bausman are members of the Reformed Church of Millersville, of which the former has been a Deacon for two years. In his political affiliations he adheres to the platform and candidates set forth by the Republican party.



**G**EORGE S. NORBECK, one of the successful business men of Lancaster, is now Alderman from the Third Ward, having been appointed and commissioned by Governor Pattison March 20, 1893, to fill the unexpired term of J. K. Barr, deceased. For the past five years he conducted a carriage manufactory, and had a well equipped repository. His temporary headquarters were at Nos. 126 and 128 East King Street, as his factory on Duke and Vine Streets was burned down. He is now located at No. 144 East King Street, where he has one of the finest saloons in the city.

Lewis Norbeck, our subject's father, was born in Adams County, Pa., and was of German descent. He was engaged in the wholesale grocery trade

at the corner of Utah and Franklin Streets, Baltimore, for a number of years prior to his death, which occurred when he was in his forty-fourth year. He married Lydia C. Little, who was born in the same county, being the daughter of Henry Little, a farmer of Adams County. Mrs. Little was of English ancestry and a member of the Lutheran Church. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Jacob, was born in Gettysburg, and was in the War of 1812. He was in early life a farmer, and later engaged in the grocery trade, his death occurring when he was about three-score and ten years of age. In religious belief he was a Catholic, as was also his son. After her husband's death Mrs. Elizabeth Norbeck went to Gettysburg, and later became the wife of Philip Doerson, a carriage manufacturer. In 1865 he started in business in this city as a member of the firm of Slingerwalt & Doerson. After a few years he bought out his partner and ran the business under his own name, and is now carrying on the carriage business in Gettysburg. His wife died in 1891, in her sixty-ninth year. By her first marriage she became the mother of two sons and two daughters: William A., a carriage trimmer, of Lancaster; George S.; Clara L., Mrs. McElligott, of this city; and Lovina, who married Dr. J. M. Bentz, of Carlisle, Pa.

The early years of George S. Norbeck were passed in Baltimore and Gettysburg, and he was born in the former place November 10, 1848. In 1857 he went with his mother to Gettysburg, and was partly educated in Mt. St. Mary's College, at Emmetsburg, Md. When the family removed to this city, in 1855, he came with them, and two years later was apprenticed to learn the carriage trimmer's trade in his step-father's factory. Afterward he traveled for the firm, introducing the Doerson patent fifth wheel, the invention of his step-father. For eighteen months he was on the road and traveled all through the northern, western and eastern states.

In October, 1889, Mr. Norbeck started in business for himself as a carriage manufacturer in this city, and kept twenty-six workmen employed until the fall of 1893, when he closed the factory. He then rented a place at the corner of Duke

and Mail Streets. Formerly he manufactured seventy-five different kinds of vehicles, buggies and carriages. This location he has remodeled and improved extensively, owning the property from King to Mifflin Streets, and was sole agent of the Columbus Buggy Company. His shop has a frontage of thirty-nine feet, and he leases platforms and sheds for storage.

December 17, 1871, Mr. Norbeck married Lizzie A., daughter of John Tomlinson, now deceased, who was formerly a contractor for sand and stone. Mrs. Norbeck was born and reared in Lancaster, and by her marriage has become the mother of one child, David R., who is in business with his father. Mr. Norbeck is now proprietor of Norbeck Cafe and Hotel, Nos. 144 and 146 East King Street, formerly the Golden Horse Hotel. He belongs to the Home Building and Loan Association, and fraternally is identified with the Order of Elks.



**P**ATRICK KELLY, who makes his home in Lancaster, is an extensive buyer and shipper of cattle, and has made a fine success of his ventures in this direction. For over thirty years he has given his exclusive attention to this occupation and is an authority on the subject. A native of the Emerald Isle, he was born in County Derry March 26, 1826, and left the friends and scenes of his youth soon after attaining his majority to make his fortunes in the New World.

James Kelly, the father of our subject, was, like his son, a native of County Derry, Ireland, where he followed the calling of a farmer until his death, which occurred in April, 1866, at the good old age of seventy-eight years. His wife, Ann (Kelly) Kelly, by her marriage became the mother of twelve children: Mary, who became the wife of Andrew Kelly; Catherine, Bridget, Ann; Margaret, who is still living in the Old Country; Michael, a former resident of Lancaster, and now deceased; Daniel

and John, who are still in Ireland; James, Patrick, Ellen and Isabella. The mother of these children died in November, 1866, when she had reached the allotted age of three-score and ten years.

Patrick Kelly received good educational advantages in his native land, and continued to make his home with his parents until twenty-two years of age, when, in 1848, he set sail for America alone, and continuing his journey to Lancaster, arrived in this place on the 1st of June. He soon obtained employment with his uncle, Patrick Kelly, for whom he was named, who was extensively engaged in buying cattle and in conducting a banking business.

With this uncle the young man remained until the death of the former, which occurred in June, 1861, and after that event he started in on his own account. Going to Ohio, Illinois and other western states, he bought cattle and drove them overland. Later he turned his attention more exclusively to shipping cattle, and has carried on a large business for many years. By means of his industry and economy he has made a good living for himself and family, and has laid aside from year to year a goodly sum with which to provide means for pleasantly passing his declining years.

On the 1st of May, 1862, Mr. Kelly was united in marriage with Miss Julia Gratton, and they are members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Kelly uses his right of franchise in favor of the Democratic party and its nominees. At one time his father crossed the Atlantic and made his son a pleasant visit, but subsequently returned to his old home-  
stead.



**L**EVI H. MANN, a progressive and well-to-do farmer of Manor Township, is the proprietor of a well cultivated farm which comprises two hundred and thirty-six acres, and which has been in his possession since 1879. In addition to general farming Mr. Mann is inter-



ested in raising horses and fancy grades of live stock and regularly sends the products of his farm to the markets of Columbia. He is entitled to high praise for what he has accomplished in life, for he has acquired his fortune by close economy and industry, particularly in his early years. He comes from an old family of this township, as his paternal grandfather for long years was one of its inhabitants, and his descendants have ever since been members of this community.

Barney Mann, the father of our subject, was a son of George S. On arriving at mature years he became the owner of a farm of seventy-five acres in Manor Township, to the cultivation of which he devoted the most of his life. Later he removed to West Hempfield Township, where he operated a place of one hundred and three acres very successfully and attended the markets at Columbia. Politically he was a stanch Democrat and had a high ideal of the duties of citizenship. He was twice married, first to Elizabeth Hershey, who died when only twenty-six years of age, leaving two sons: Christian, whose death occurred in childhood, and Levi H. By the second wife, Mary Ann Stoner, six children were born, namely: Mary A., Cyrus, Emily, Amanda, Barbara and Christian. The father was called from his labors in 1889, aged seventy-six years.

The birth of Levi H. Mann occurred September 25, 1835, in Manor Township, and in boyhood attended the schools of the neighborhood until sixteen years of age. His mother died when he was only two years old, and he was early placed among strangers, where he had to work his way in order to obtain a livelihood. When fourteen years old he returned to his father's roof and remained there for three years, assisting in farm work. Then under Barney Stoner he served an apprenticeship as a carpenter, but that calling not being entirely to his taste, he took a position with a farmer by which he earned \$400 in the three years. By close economy during the three years he remained there he saved \$250, which amount was the nucleus of his fortune. Returning to his father's home he then made that his place of abode until his marriage, at the age of twenty-eight years, when he rented a house and for the succeeding

two years engaged in tobacco-growing, and subsequently operated the farm of his father-in-law in Manor Township for a period of thirteen years, running it on shares. In 1878 he became the owner of the farm on which he is now living, and in the following year bought two hundred and thirty-six acres of land, one hundred and seventy-five of which are now cleared and under cultivation.

In 1860 Mr. Mann wedded Anna, daughter of Bernard Mann, an agriculturist. To our subject and his wife were born seven children: Mattie, Anna, Effie, Agnes, Franklin H., and Edith and Emily, twins. The family are members of the Evangelical Church of Creswell, of which Mr Mann is a Trustee. With his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Democratic party.



**G**EORGE NAUMAN is one of the leading attorneys of Lancaster, having conducted successfully his extensive practice here since 1862. During three years of this time he was City Solicitor and frequently represents the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Moreover he is counsel for the Lancaster Street Railroad Company and for all of the three oil lines in this county. In the various business, social and political circles he is exceedingly popular, and his name has frequently been put forward for high positions.

The birth of George Nauman occurred in Holton, Me., February 5, 1841, his parents being Col. George and Mary (Dummett) Nauman, natives of Lancaster and England, respectively. Colonel Nauman, a distinguished officer in the United States Army, was born October 7, 1802, and at the age of seventeen was enrolled as a cadet at the West Point Academy. In 1821 he was acting Assistant Professor in French in that institution and three years later was graduated, the same year being appointed Second Lieutenant of the First Regiment of Artillery. From September 28 to August, 1829,

he was assistant instructor of French at West Point, and in May, 1832, received the rank of First Lieutenant. During the Florida War, which lasted from February, 1836, to May, 1838, he served continuously, being in the battle of Wahoo Swamp, and was made Captain of the First Artillery in February, 1837. During the Mexican War he was brevetted Major for gallant conduct at the battle of Cerro Gordo, April 18, 1847, and later received the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel for meritorious service at the battle of Contreras and Churubusco, which occurred August 20. At the engagement at Chalultepec September 8, 1847, he was wounded, but continued in the service and commanded the First Regiment of Artillery, being prize commissioner at Vera Cruz at the close of the war, conducting the evacuation of that city. From May, 1854, until January, 1861, the Colonel served at different points on the Pacific Coast. As Major of the Third Regiment of Artillery, he commanded the same from May, 1854, until March, 1857, and for seven months in 1860 was inspector of artillery for the departments of Oregon and California, from 1859 to 1861 conducting the artillery school at Vancouver.

July 23, 1861, Colonel Nauman was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Artillery, and was at Newport News in March 1862, during the engagements with the "Merrimac" "Yorktown" "Jamestown" and other rebel steamers; was chief of artillery and was favorably mentioned by General Mansfield in his report of the affair. He was stationed at Ft. Warren in Boston Harbor in 1863, where he engaged in placing that important work in a proper condition for defense. August 1, 1863, he was promoted to be Colonel of the Fifth Artillery, but was permitted to enjoy this honor for only ten days, for his death occurred in Philadelphia August 11 of that year. His health having been much impaired by the exposure and hardships to which his long and active career had subjected him, he was prostrated by sunstroke, from which he did not recover. For forty years he had served in the United States army, having been stationed in every section in the Union, and in every capacity acquitted himself with honor and distinction. At the time of the breaking out of the Rebellion

he was residing with his family in Florida, and though offered high rank and command by the men organizing the new Confederacy, spurned it all, preferring to stand by the flag under which he had so long fought.

The marriage of Colonel Nauman was celebrated in St. Augustine, Fla. The lady's father, Thomas Dummett, a native of England, became a sugar planter on the Isle of Barbadoes until the abolition of slavery there, when he went to Connecticut. When the United States acquired Florida he was one of the first to introduce sugar planting in that state. Our subject's mother died in 1861, leaving six children, four of whom still survive.

Until 1853, when a lad of twelve years, George Nauman of this sketch remained with his father at the different military stations where he had his headquarters, and when the Colonel went to California with his mother and the other members of the family, went to St. Augustine, Fla. There he remained until the breaking out of the Civil War, but prior to this, in 1859, he had graduated from St. James' College at Hagerstown, Md., with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, after which he read law in Florida for a year. In the fall of 1860 he became a student in the department of law in the University of Virginia, and in June, 1861, came to Lancaster, where he continued his legal studies and was admitted to the Bar in 1862. He immediately entered upon his professional career in this city, which has been marked with great success. For a number of years his office has been located on North Duke Street and among his patrons and clients are numbered many of the leading citizens of the county.

In Lancaster in 1867 was celebrated the marriage of George Nauman and Miss Lizzie Henderson. Her father, Amos S. Henderson, was in former years a leading banker of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Nauman have become the parents of seven children who are living. George is a member of the Civil Engineers' Corps of the Pennsylvania Railroad and is a graduate of Lehigh University; Alfred is in the hardware business in this city and graduated from the Franklin and Marshall College. The younger children are in order of birth as follows: John, Frank, Elizabeth, Spencer and Harriet.

Mr. and Mrs. Nauman are members of St. James' Episcopal Church of this city, in which they are actively interested. As a leading Democrat our subject has served as Chairman of the Democratic City Committee and was the candidate for his party at one time from this district for member of Congress but unfortunately was in the minority party.



**H**ON. EDWIN S. SMELTZ was elected Mayor of Lancaster in February, 1894, being victorious in a hotly contested fight between the political factions. He was a candidate, with two others, for the nomination and received over twenty-one hundred out of thirty-three hundred votes cast at the primaries; though his final majority in the regular election was only ninety-one. A Republican of the truest kind, Mr. Smeltz is decidedly the man for the position he now occupies and is not one who would for a moment allow any narrow motives to sway him in the management of the public affairs entrusted to him. As one of the native sons of this city he has always taken great interest in whatever pertains to its welfare and general advancement and is greatly concerned by all things which may effect its prosperity for good or evil. He is Secretary of the Union Building and Loan Association, which has a capital stock of over \$200,000; it is a most important organization and has benefited the citizens and place mestimably.

The birthplace of our subject was at the corner of North Queen and Lemon Streets, the event taking place May 9, 1852. His parents were Jacob R. and Rebecca (Hoffman) Smeltz, natives respectively of Lancaster and Bainbridge, Lancaster County. The father of Jacob R. Smeltz was also one of the pioneer residents of the city, being of German descent and a member of the Reformed Church. For many years our subject's father was a successful cigar and tobacco dealer and later be-

came interested in the grocery trade. The store in which he carried on his retail business was centrally located at the corner of North Queen and Lemon Streets, and in former years his headquarters were at the corner of Chestnut and North Queen Streets. He was a prominent church member, having been one of the organizers of the Weinbenarian Church, in which he served as a Deacon. Politically, he affiliated with the Republican party and served for a time in the City Council. His death occurred in 1875, but his wife survives him, still making her home in her former residence. Mrs. Smeltz' father was a merchant and one of the prominent business men in former years of Bainbridge.

In a family of eight children born to Jacob and Rebecca Smeltz only three sons and a daughter are now living, and of these Edwin S. is the eldest. He was reared in Lancaster and attended the common and private schools, graduating from the high school in 1869 with honor when sixteen years old, his average, the highest in the class, being ninety-six per cent. For a short time thereafter he was in his father's store and then took up the printing business in the office of the *Church Advocate*, where he remained for a year. When that paper was removed from the city he commenced his apprenticeship as a coach trimmer for S. B. Cox & Co., and was with them for four years, after which for the year following he worked at his trade in different places. For a like period of time he was traveling salesman for Philadelphia and New York hardware firms, his trips being in this and adjoining states. At this time occurred the sickness and death of his father, and the young man was obliged to take charge of the store and estate. The grocery occupies one of the oldest sites of the retail business in this city and is one of the most successful stores in that branch of trade.

In 1888 Mr. Smeltz was appointed to the office of Chief of Police by Mayor Edgerley without his solicitation, and served for a term of two years. He was then elected Street Commissioner, acting as such for two years, and then left the field of politics, becoming reporter for the *Intelligencer* and also being employed in the office. In 1893 he was

again honored by being elected Street Commissioner, which he held until the end of the year, then assumed the office of Mayor. For five years prior to his election as Chief of Police he served successfully as Clerk of the Street Committee and has also been Clerk of the Special Water Committee, and in these capacities has succeeded in effectually improving the advantages of Lancaster citizens.

Fraternally, Mayor Smeltz has been for fifteen years a member of Conestoga Council No. 22, Jr. O. U. A. M. For ten years he was Master of Finance of Inland City Lodge No. 88, K. of P., in which he has passed all the chairs; belongs to Herschel Lodge No. 123, I. O. O. F., in which he is a charter member, and has acted in several offices in Conestoga Council No. 8, Sr. O. U. A. M.

In 1876 occurred the marriage of Edwin S. Smeltz and Lydia Eshelman, who was born in Liverpool, Perry County, Pa., and to them has been born a daughter, Mabel. The pleasant home of the family is at No. 9 East Lemon Street, within a few feet of where he was born, the residence having been erected by Mr. Smeltz. His good wife is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Lancaster and is a lady who is greatly esteemed by her many friends. Politically he is an active worker and is recognized as one of the influential members of the Republican party in the city and county.



**P**ROF. JOHN FREDERICK CARL THORBAHN, who is very prominent in musical circles, is instructor of instrumental music at the high school and leader of the high school orchestra at Lancaster. He is Professor of orchestral instrumental music, and pays especial attention to the classics, having had during the last year pupils whose work has been mainly on Beethoven's and Haydn's Symphonies.

Professor Thorbahn had the honor of passing his early years in the house in which occurred the birth of the noted military man, General von

Moltke. The Professor's birth occurred in the same house as that of the great general, for his father had bought the place at the time that the General's parents removed to the city to educate their children. Our subject was born February 8, 1834, in Parchim, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, being a son of John J. and Maria Dorothea (Genze) Thorbahn. The former, whose birth occurred in the same vicinity, February 26, 1794, followed agricultural pursuits, and at one time visited the United States. He died after reaching a good old age, and one of his brothers lived to be one hundred and two years old. His wife, who was born in Mecklenburg, August 17, 1803, was a daughter of Jacob and Anna D. (Luebcke) Genze. She came to America, her death occurring in Canada, and her six children are all living. One son, Herman, is a wholesale merchant in Ottawa, Canada, at the present time.

Professor Thorbahn received an excellent education in his native language, and manifesting marked ability in a musical way, was given the best instruction that could be had. He attended the musical academy of his birthplace, and later learned to be a skillful player on the clarinet, violin and other orchestral instruments. He graduated from the academy when nineteen years of age, after which he easily secured engagements in orchestras for several years. In 1854 he set sail for America from Hamburg, landing in Quebec after a stormy voyage of fourteen weeks upon the deep. When they arrived at their destination the vessel was in a most unfortunate condition, and nearly disabled, as there was not a whole mast left upon it. Proceeding to Montreal, the Professor secured a position with the George Coopers English Grand Opera Company, later secured the position as leader of the orchestra of the Theater Royal, which he held for seventeen years, playing every night in the week except Sunday during this time. With the orchestra of which he was a member he traveled considerably to fill special engagements in Boston and other points. In the Boston Theater he took part in many concerts given by the Harvard Orchestra, in oratorios by Handel and Haydn, the conductor being Carl Zahran. While in Boston, during the Parepa Rosa Opera season, he became a





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member of the Boston Musical Union. He played five consecutive seasons at Saratoga, two seasons was at Alexandria Bay, and one season at Shelter Island.

In 1873 the Professor went to Warren, Ohio, there becoming one of the first faculty of the Dana Musical Institute, and remained in charge of orchestral instruction for a period of eleven years. Then coming to Lancaster, he was leader in the Opera House Orchestra for years, but of late has given up that work, devoting himself to teaching. In 1892 he became Professor of Instrumental Music at the high school, establishing a regular course of two hours' work each day after school. In his violin class there are forty-two young ladies, and more than that number who are pursuing musical courses on other instruments. As a composer he has contributed much to his art and arranges all his own music, and has compiled a complete course of instruction for the violin.

The Professor is a prominent Free & Accepted Mason, being a member of Lamberton Lodge No. 467, of this city, and in his political affiliations is identified with the Republican party. Religiously he and his wife are members of Trinity Lutheran Church.



**W**ILLIAM A. WOOD represents the Columbia Building, Loan and Investment Association and the Fidelity Building and Loan Association in Lancaster, being Superintendent of the important district embracing Lehigh, Bucks, Lebanon, Lancaster and York Counties. He was appointed to that position December 1, 1893, and in May, 1894, his duties and territory were extended, embracing the whole of Pennsylvania and Maryland. Mr. Wood is one of the youngest Superintendents of these companies in the country and has under his instruction sixty traveling agents. He is exact and methodical in his system and correspondence, making an excellent man for so important a post, and in every

way has merited the high favor in which he is held by his superiors.

The birth of Mr. Wood occurred October 19, 1861, in New York City, where his ancestors for several generations had made their home. His paternal grandfather, Samuel S., was born in Peekskill, N. Y., and was a man of rare educational attainments considering the meagre advantages which fell to the young of that period. He was a baker by trade, following that occupation during most of his active life in New York City, and later engaged in the hotel business. His last years were passed in Peekskill, where his death occurred at the age of about seventy years. Politically he was a Democrat and in religious faith was identified with the Episcopal Church. He was the father of six children, who grew to maturity, namely: Samuel S., Jr.; John H.; Katie, wife of Thomas Snowden; Mary, who became Mrs. George D. Seaford; Amelia, wife of Thomas Goadby, and Alexander M. C.

The father of our subject, A. M. C. Wood, was born at Peekskill, N. Y., and in his early manhood learned the confectioner's trade. Embarking in business in New York City, he there spent most of his life, and many of his family still reside in the metropolis. They are relatives of the Smiths, the great steamboat builders of New York City. Mr. Wood was a very staunch Democrat and a member of the Episcopal Church. His wife was formerly Mary A. Cooper, and their family comprised two children, William A. and Mary Frances, now the wife of O. E. Nelson, whose home is in Baltimore. The father was called from this life in 1879. The mother is still living, at the age of seventy-two years.

The boyhood of William A. Wood was passed in the place of his birth and he received a good education in the excellent schools of the city. He was only thirteen years old, however, when he abandoned his studies temporarily in order to accept a position as office boy for an insurance firm. Later he became associated with his uncle in the same branch of work and at that time learned much of the routine work connected with the insurance business. For some time subsequently he was employed in his father's confectionery manu-

factory on West Broadway, where he remained until his father's death in 1879. The next occupation of the ambitious youth, who, owing to his zeal and energy, had become well educated, was on the reportorial staff of the Baltimore *Evening News* and *Morning Herald*. Returning to New York City in 1884, he entered the political field, and during the first term of President Cleveland's administration served four years in the United States Custom House. Owing to his wife's failing health at this time he removed to Baltimore, but in 1890 re-entered the insurance business, and as stated in the beginning of this article, has been rapidly promoted to his present exceedingly responsible position.

February 22, 1887, Mr. Wood married Helen Sinski, who died January 24, 1890. In March, 1891, our subject wedded Miss Ella Brook, of Baltimore, and two children, a son and a daughter, have come to brighten their home, their names being Arthur M. and Edith M. Socially Mr. Wood is a member of Steven's Castle of the Mystic Chain and belongs to Red Rose Commandery No. 20; Blue Cross Castle No. 46, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Lodge No. 134, B. P. O. E. He is very active as a worker in the ranks of the Democracy and is connected with the Young Men's Democratic Society of this place.



**R**EV. EMIL MEISTER is the pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, and is one of the worthy German-American citizens of Lancaster. A man possessed of great intelligence and wide information, he has excellent command of language, and is a successful lecturer and pulpit orator. For the past fifteen years he has been the pastor of the congregation with which he is identified, and has succeeded in building it up spiritually, numerically and financially. As a writer he is clear, energetic and concise, and is editor of the "Family Friend" and the "Church Messenger," which he conducts with much ability.

Rev. Mr. Meister was born in Freiburg, Baden,

Germany, May 18, 1850, and his parents, Samuel E. and Barbara (Blattner) Meister, were also natives of the same province. The former was a silk merchant in Freiburg until about 1854, when he emigrated to Switzerland. Both parents, who were zealous members of the Lutheran Church, are deceased. Samuel, the only brother of our subject, is a resident of Basel, Switzerland.

The boyhood of our subject was passed in Switzerland, and his literary and classical education was received in the college at Zurich and Heidelberg University, from which he was graduated in 1868, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Subsequently he was in business with his father until 1870, when he came to America. Locating in Reading, Pa., he was connected with the Pilger Publishing House for two years, and then removed to Baltimore. For about three years his time was devoted to work on the Baltimore *Wecker*.

About 1878 Rev. Mr. Meister again took up the study of theology, pursuing a special course of study, and was ordained by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland to the ministry, in May, 1880, and his first charge was the First Evangelical Lutheran Church on Eastern Avenue, Baltimore. In August, 1880, he was given a call to St. Stephen's Church of this city, and accepted the same August 15. This congregation was started in 1874 by Rev. W. Poor, and a building was put up but not entirely finished, and in the meantime the services were held in the lecture room. Under our subject's supervision the audience room was completed in the spring of 1881, and a fine pipe organ has since been placed within it. The church edifice is 49x75 feet in dimensions, and one hundred and seventy-two feet high. The membership has constantly increased, and during the years of this church's history has grown from seventeen to its present enrollment of four hundred members, while the Sunday-school usually averages about two hundred and twenty-five pupils.

In the year 1871 Rev. Mr. Meister was married in Reading, to Miss Amelie Kleinschmidt, who was born in Prussia. Their children are, Catherine, who is at home; Samuel E., a druggist and organist in the church; and Mary, who is a member of



the high school Class of '95. The father has shown great interest in educational measures, and is now a member of the City School Board. In 1882 he began editing the German monthly magazine known as the "Family Friend," which is devoted to the home and church. In December, 1892, the St. Stephen's Church "Messenger," which is published in the English language, and is a monthly periodical, was also started. Rev. Mr. Meister is an honored member of the Linnean Society of Lancaster. In September, 1891, he founded the A. Herr Smith Evangelical Lutheran Memorial Chapel, at the corner of North Ann and East Ross Streets. This is the English Mission of St. Stephen's Church, and was erected in memory of Hon. A. Herr Smith.



**S** CLAY MILLER, one of the leading citizens of Lancaster, who served valiantly during the War of the Rebellion in the defense of the Union, has been for a number of years engaged in dealing in wholesale and retail liquors. He is a Mason of the Thirty-second Degree, and is an active Grand Army man and a stalwart Republican, belonging to the Young Men's and the Citizens' Republican Clubs.

Our subject was born April 25, 1844, in Manheim Township, this county, and is the son of Solomon and Fannie (Snyder) Miller, the former a native of this city. He was a butcher by trade, which calling he followed more or less during his active career, and his last days were passed in the village of Manheim, his death occurring in Washington, D. C., where he had been visiting his sister. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and fraternally was associated with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and other societies. He was the father of eight children: Mary, wife of Abram Reist, of Lancaster, both being now deceased; Rev. Jacob, pastor of the Chris-

tian Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia; Fannie, deceased wife of Theodore Kreider; Henry, who died from wounds received in the late war; Solomon Clay, of this sketch; Lizzie, Mrs. Shubert, of this city; and Washington and Harry, both of whom died young. The son Henry was a member of the Ninety-third Pennsylvania Regiment, belonging to Company K, and was under McClellan during the Peninsular Campaign. In an engagement a ball passed through both of his thighs, and from the effects of this he died in South Bend, Ind., several years after the termination of the war. The father of these children died at the age of eighty-four years, while his wife passed away in her fifty-third year.

The early education of Solomon Clay Miller was that of the common schools, but his advantages in an educational way were very meagre. He remained with his uncle on a farm until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted in Company H, Seventy-sixth Infantry, known as the Keystone Zouaves, the date of his enlistment being October 3, 1861. He was sent to the south, and with his regiment participated in the capture of Ft. Pulaski and in many minor engagements in front of Charlestown, S. C. In the first battle in which he participated, on the expedition to McKay's Point, he was struck by a minie ball in the left thigh, and at the second assault on Ft. Waggoner, in which he carried the regimental colors, one-half of the regiment was destroyed. He was with General Strong, and was one of the first to stand on the enemy's breastworks. For his courage and numerous acts of bravery, General Strong before he expired, having received a mortal wound as he reached the top of the breastworks, ordered a medal of honor to be conferred upon Mr. Miller. The latter was shortly afterward made Sergeant, and General Gilmore awarded him a medal of bronze upon which was engraved "S. C. Miller, Company H, Seventy-sixth P. V., for gallant and meritorious conduct, presented by Q. A. Gilmore, Major-General."

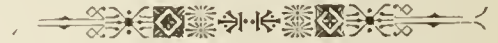
The regiment arrived on the James River in 1864, being attached to the Tenth Army Corps under Gen. B. F. Butler, taking part in the engagements of Drury's Bluff and skirmishes in front of

Petersburg, afterward joining General Grant at Cold Harbor. Our subject was for the second time injured by a spent minie ball, this time on the ankle, but continued to carry the colors, and bore them at the mine explosion on June 30. At Deep Bottom, a piece of shell struck him on the body, knocking him senseless, and afterward in front of Petersburg was struck by a piece of shell in the neck, which made a severe cut, and the scar of which he still carries. Being mustered out in December, 1864, Mr. Miller completed his active service of three years and three months. At one time when a number of his comrades had been taken prisoners, Mr. Miller and Lieutenant Bloss led the advance on the enemy and succeeded in rescuing his comrades, and at all times his bravery and deeds of daring were noted in the regiment.

On his return from the south, Mr. Miller soon obtained employment in the Adams Express Company's office in Lancaster, after which he was employed as a clerk for several firms, and then received a position with the express company at Louisville, being afterward sent to Mobile, Ala., where he opened up business for the same company, and made frequent trips from that point to Cairo, Ill., some five hundred miles. He remained for about a year in the south, but being stricken with the fever and ague, returned to this city, the disease hanging to him for fully six months. Going to Philadelphia, he was a clerk in a commission house until the spring of 1869, when, permanently settling in Lancaster, he entered the employ of C. W. Kreiter, a wholesale liquor dealer, and in time was admitted to the firm. Their partnership was dissolved in 1871, Mr. Miller withdrawing and starting in business on his own account. He continued alone until 1876, when he took in as a partner M. V. B. Neaveling, and the firm was known as Miller & Neaveling until 1878, since which time our subject has conducted the business alone in connection with his other interests. He owns considerable real estate, an orange farm of eighty acres in Florida, with a grove of three hundred trees, and property at other points. An ardent Republican, he has as far as possible assisted in the success of his party at all times, and belongs to the Union Veteran Le-

gion. He has passed through all the chairs in Perfection Lodge, is a Mason of the Thirty-second Degree, and belongs to George Reynolds Post No. 405, G. A. R.

March 29, 1879, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Louisa Rudduck, and five children have been born of their union, namely: Leon Rudduck, Herbert Clay, Mabel Louise, Effie Isabella and Lulu Bess. His family are members of the Duke Street Methodist Episcopal Church, to which Mr. Miller gives liberally of his means.



**J**OHAN S. BRENEMAN comes from one of the eldest and most respected families of Lancaster County, and for about thirty years has conducted a coal, real-estate and pension business in Lancaster, his office being now at No. 34½ South Duke Street. The records of the Breneman family are very full and exact, and are of great interest to their many friends and acquaintances.

The paternal great-grandfather of our subject was prominent in the War of the Revolution, and was on the Committee of Safety during the trouble in this city. The grandfather lived nearly all his life in Lancaster, was a renowned specialist, had a large practice and became very wealthy. He owned considerable real estate and a number of farms in Manheim Township, some two hundred and ninety acres in all. He married Barbara Stoner, and had two sons, one of whom, Rev. John S., was educated in the Flushing Theological Seminary of New York, became very popular as a minister, and was proficient in seven languages. His death occurred at the age of about twenty-seven years.

Abraham Breneman, the father of our subject, was born in Lancaster in 1817, and was a physician, being educated in the Franklin Academy, and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. At first he engaged in practice with his father, and in time had a large city and country client-

age. In politics he was a Whig, and religiously was a Vestryman in St. James' Episcopal Church. His death occurred when he was thirty-one years of age. By his marriage with Anna Reigart, he had five children: Anna E., wife of Francis L. Calder, of this city; Henry R., who is in the insurance and real-estate business in this city; Eme-line M., who died March 11, 1865; John S., of this sketch; and Abram A., an analytical chemist in New York City. The mother, who died October 21, 1881, was born October 13, 1820. The youngest son has contributed greatly to the science of chemistry, and stands high as a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a society of which Agassiz was the first President. For several years he was Professor of Chemistry at Cornell, after graduating as one of the highest in his class in the Pennsylvania State College.

John S. Breneman was born September 22, 1811, in Lancaster, and received his education in the St. James' Parish School and Professor Yates' Institute, after which he took a course in the Franklin and Marshall College, but when he was in the Sophomore year, the college was suspended on account of the war, and the young man went to the west. Returning, he embarked in the coal business in 1866 at this place, and has since been in that line of trade, in addition to the real-estate and pension business. He is active in the support of the Republican party, but is not desirous of public office, nor is he a politician, but does what he can toward getting good and clean representatives and honest elections. During the war he was a member of the Union League, and served in the Tenth and Forty-seventh Pennsylvania Militia, and the One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry. The family to which he belongs have all been Episcopalians, very conscientious and upright in all their dealings with their fellow-men.

From the archives of the Reigart family, to which the mother of our subject belonged, we find that one of her ancestors on the paternal side, Ulrich, emigrated from Germany in 1738, his birth having occurred in 1693. He brought with him his wife, a native of the same province, and they located in an old house on South Queen Street, Lan-

caster. His wife, Anna, who was born in 1701, was a daughter of Abram Merkel, a weaver and prominent citizen. She was married in her twenty-first year, and of her union four sons and five daughters were born. Her death occurred October 30, 1768, at the age of sixty-seven years, while the husband departed this life March 16, 1766, in his seventy-second year. Their second son, Adam, married Catherine Yeiser, April 7, 1763. To them were born the following children: John, born February 3, 1761; Adam, January 17, 1765; Anna Mary, July 6, 1767; Emanuel, July 28, 1769; Elizabeth, September 8, 1771; Thomas, May 10, 1774; and Catherine, January 28, 1779. The mother of these children died in May, 1789, and the husband married for his second wife Susannah Franks. He was called from this life July 17, 1813. His son Adam had nine children: Eliza, Anna, Henrietta, Susannah, Philip W., Margaret, Sarah, Eliza and Susan. Adam Reigart, Jr., died May 10, 1811. Henry M., who was the father of Anna, the mother of our subject, was the son of Emanuel, the son of Adam, who was very prominent in the Revolutionary War.



**H**ESTAND FREY is a descendant of one of the worthy pioneer families of Lancaster County who have been the founders of its present prosperity and development. He owns a good farm comprising one hundred and twenty acres which is nearly all well improved, and which is located in Manor Township. In addition to general farming, he makes a specialty of growing tobacco; and also raises stock, breeding fine grades of horses. He is the son of Fred and Eveline (Hiestand) Frey, his birth having occurred July 3, 1873.

The paternal great-grandfather of our subject, who bore the Christian name of Jacob, was a native of Manor Township, and followed farming pursuits. His son, the grandfather of H. Frey, also

carried on a farm in Manor Township; he was first a Whig, and later a Republican. His eldest son was Jacob, and the second in order of birth was Fred, the father of our subject. The latter was born in 1826, in the place where his son Fred B. now lives, and received a common-school education. Being early inured to farm life, he adopted that calling for his own, and at one time owned three improved farms, aggregating six hundred acres, in addition to which he possessed other real-estate properties in Manor Township. He was very successful, being one of the most prosperous farmers in the county, and during the existence of the Safe Harbor Iron Works had a number of teams employed there. In politics he was a Republican, and stood well in the estimation of all. A member of the River Brethren Church, he endeavored to do the right at all times and to follow the teachings of the Golden Rule. He was three times married, by his first wife, Anna, having six children: Mary, Deliah, Fannie, Elizabeth, Adeline and Jacob. His second wife was a Miss Benedict, and they had two children, Frederick and Barbara Ann. By his union with the mother of our subject, Fred Frey had three children: Anna, Hiestand and Jessie, who died in childhood. The father departed this life at the age of seventy years, while the mother is still living.

Our subject received his education in the public schools of Creswell, where he remained until fifteen years of age. On his father's death he returned to the homestead, assisting in the cultivation of the same about four years. At that time he went to the west and visited with his relatives in Manitou, Colo. Then returning to the old farm, he took charge of the place for his mother, in the capacity of manager, and faithfully performed the duties in connection with the same for a period of one year. The farm which he now owns is one of the best in the township, and the young man has proved his ability as a model farmer of the present day. Like his forefathers, he abides by the principles of the Republican party, to which he gives his warm support.

The marriage of Mr. Frey and Susan Frantz took place October 18, 1893, at her father's home near Millersville. Mrs. Frey is a daughter of John

Frantz, a prominent agriculturist and dairyman of this county. She received an excellent education, and is a lady of marked refinement and culture. The young couple are well received in the best social circles of the place.



**P** W. HIESTAND, D. D. S., who for the past ten years has been retired from active professional life at his home in Manor Township, was for nearly thirty years an active practicing dental surgeon of Millersville and vicinity. His clients were scattered throughout Lancaster and neighboring counties over a wide range of territory. His labors told upon his health in later years, for he has always been a close student in his profession and has kept actively in touch with all the improvements and discoveries in his line. The Doctor is a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Wisler) Hiestand, and was born December 15, 1831, near Millersville, in Manor Township. The family to which he belongs is of German descent, his ancestors having come to this county from Wittenberg, sailing from Rotterdam on the ship "Britania" in 1731, and arriving in Philadelphia, whence they proceeded to this county. John, the great-grandfather of the Doctor, was one of the pioneer settlers and farmers of Manor Township, and his son Peter was a preacher in the Dunkard Church. He was born in 1776, and died at the age of seventy-two years. A successful business man, he owned a fulling-mill and also conducted a farm, his home being on the Blue Rock Road in Manor Township. His wife, Annie (Lintner) Hiestand, was born in 1772, and they had five children: Peter, Fanny, Daniel, Anna and Henry. Fanny became the wife of John Stehman, and Anna the wife of John Fritz, after whose death she married William DeWitt.

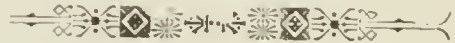
Peter, the father of our subject, was born August 17, 1791, and died January 8, 1854, having spent his entire life in Manor Township. His wife,

Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Wissler, of the same township, was born October 20, 1793, and died January 8, 1868. By her marriage she became the mother of the following children: Jacob; Fannie, wife of Robert Evans; Elizabeth, Mrs. Abram Landis; Catherine, wife of Henry Fory; Ann, Mrs. Christian Witmer; John, Henry, Dr. Peter W., Benjamin and Evaline Frey.

The subject of this sketch was born on the old homestead in Manor Township, where he remained until attaining the age of eighteen years. He then began an apprenticeship to the coach making business with his brother John, and subsequently learned and worked at pattern-making. In the meantime he employed his leisure moments in the study of dentistry with Dr. Josiah Martin, of Strasburg, this county. In 1856 he began the practice of his profession at Millersville, which continues to be his home at the present time. Great advance has been made in dentistry during the last quarter of a century, perhaps more than in any other profession, and the Doctor has not been behind his brothers in discoveries and improvements, and was one of the founders and promoters of the Harris Dental Association of Lancaster County, which was organized June 21, 1867, and the State Dental Association was also formed largely through his efforts. In many local industries the Doctor has also been active both with his influence and means, and was one of the original stockholders of the Millersville State Normal, having been a member of the Board of Trustees from 1856 to 1866, and was Treasurer for a period of seventeen years. As Chairman of the Committee on Instruction and Discipline from the organization of the institution, he served for nearly forty years, and still occupies the same position, and has been a member of the Finance and Executive Committees. Thus it will be seen that in every possible way he has furthered and fostered this important educational institution. For five years he leased and controlled the Lancaster and Millersville Street Railway, which was in an embarrassed condition until he placed it on a sound financial basis. For a number of years he devoted considerable attention to agriculture, but his other interests gradually encroached upon this branch of work, though he

owns a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Manor Township, and since retiring from his profession has devoted much of his time to its cultivation, making a specialty of raising tobacco.

The wife of our subject was formerly Maria, daughter of Christian Habecker, of Manor Township, and they have two living children: Frank, at home, and Ira, a graduate of the Dental Department of the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated in 1881 and is now practicing his profession in Millersville. He married Elizabeth Yecker, of Lancaster. Lizzie, the only daughter of the Doctor, died in 1863. Our subject was one of the founders and promoters of the Conestoga Bank, of which he is at present Vice-President and one of the stockholders. In his political opinions he is a Republican and is a liberal contributor to charitable organizations.



GEORGE M. MYERS is the accommodating and very popular proprietor of the Relay House, at the corner of Prince and Walnut Streets, Lancaster. This hostelry is well kept up, and for its moderate price and numerous advantages is one of the best to be found in the city. The manager has been running the same about three years, but during this short time has made a host of friends among his customers, who always return to the place of his hospitality whenever circumstances permit.

Mr. Myers was born in Phoenixville, Pa., March 22, 1859, and his father, Rodger Myers, was born in Lancaster in 1831. The paternal grandfather, whose given name was Mathias, was likewise a native of this city, and followed his trade as a locksmith on North Prince Street. During the Seminole and Florida War, he went into the service with Captain Downing. His death occurred at the age of forty-five years, and he was to the last a faithful member of the Reformed Church. His wife, Ann Maria, a native of Lancaster, was the

daughter of George Roth, who in former years ran a hotel on the site of the Relay House. Rodger Myers was a brick layer by occupation and a contractor, later becoming a furnace builder. For fifteen and a-half years he resided at Phoenixville, where he had charge of the furnace department, and after his return to this city was manager of the furnaces of the Lancaster Manufacturing Company, which he erected on the same plan as those of the Pennsylvania Iron Company. After a certain length of time he left that occupation and returned to his contract and building work, being still in that calling. His wife, who was before her marriage Mary Hardy, was born in Lebanon, and was reared in Reading. She became the mother of seven children, six of whom are living, and was called from this life in 1886.

George M. Myers, who was the eldest child of his parents, was reared in Phoenixville, and was given good public and high school advantages. He came to this place in 1871, and in his early youth spent some time in the tobacco business. At the age of nineteen he was apprenticed to the brick layer's trade, learning also furnace and house building. Going to Long Branch, he did considerable work in that locality in partnership with another man, and built the Monmouth Park race course, which has the finest track in the world. Later he became foreman of brick work on bridges and arches on the Trenton cutoff of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Prior to this, however, he had been for two years a Patrolman of the police force under Mayor Edgerly, of Lancaster. In November, 1891, he became proprietor of the Relay House, and is still engaged in running this popular hotel. There are seventeen rooms, and the terms are only \$1.50 per day. Everything is kept up in good shape and in a neat, clean and homelike manner.

March 23, 1886, Mr. Myers was married in this city to Miss Ida Broom, who was born in Philadelphia, and was reared to womanhood in Lancaster. Her father, William Broom, who was a plasterer, was in the Civil War for three years, and is now deceased. For six years Mr. Myers was the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary in the Brick Layers Union, Lancaster Branch, and is a member

of the Artisans Assembly No. 27. Fraternally he is identified with the Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 88, K. of P., of Inland City and the Uniformed Rank K. of P., No. 7. Politically his sympathies and votes go in favor of the Republican party.



**A**MOS McCALLISTER is one of the oldest settlers of Conestoga Township, Lancaster County, and for the past eight years has lived a retired life. He is of Irish descent, and his grandfather, Archibald McCallister, who was born in Canada, emigrated to this locality, where he settled in the last century. He was a tailor by trade and was engaged at that occupation nearly all of his life. At one time he was Superintendent of the County Alms House, and religiously was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he was an adherent of the principles advocated by the Whig party. By his marriage with Christiana Hoekman he had six children, namely: Jacob, Isaac, John, Elizabeth, Susan and Christiana. His death occurred in the year 1829, after a long and active life.

Jacob McCallister, the eldest son of Archibald, was born in Martie Township, and later became an inhabitant of what is now Pequea Township. For over fifty years he was the owner of a good farm in that township, and in his last years retired from the arduous cares pertaining to its operation. By his marriage with Miss Barbara Snavely he has three children: Mary, wife of Peter Snevely; Amos and Nancy, deceased. Prior to the formation of the Republican party he was a Whig, and subsequently espoused the principles of the latter organization, and for one term or four years served as County Commissioner.

The subject of this sketch was born in Conestoga, now Pequea Township, December 3, 1817, and received a common school education. He attended the neighboring district schools until reaching the age of fourteen years, when he engaged in

agricultural pursuits, and to that occupation has given nearly all of his time and energies since. The farm where he has made his home for so many years comprises one hundred and eight acres, on which are grown year by year good harvests which yield a substantial income to the owner. The place, one of the best in the township, has well built fences, barns and a comfortable residence.

In December, 1841, Mr. McCallister was united in marriage with Fannie Hess, who was born in this neighborhood, and by this union a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters, has been born. In the order of their birth they are named as follows: Jacob, Isaac; Barbara, Mrs. Overholtzer; Mary, Mrs. Mann; John; Lizzie, who died in childhood; Amos and Susan.

Like his father before him, Mr. McCallister supports by his ballot the Republican party. Like all true patriots he is interested in educational affairs, and believes in giving the best possible advantages to the children of the rising generation. For four terms he served as a School Director in Conestoga Township, and in that capacity used his best endeavors to secure well equipped schools and competent teachers. In religious belief he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His life is molded on the precepts of the Bible, and he tries to do his duty by his fellow-men.



**J**ACOB LEONARD SPRIGEL, one of the young and enterprising business men of Lancaster, has a good location at Nos. 301 and 303 North Lime Street, where he established himself in 1890. Though his business career covers scarcely more than five or six years, he has already shown unusual commercial ability, and is making a good success of his large confectionery business. He gives employment to upwards of ten persons constantly, and his trade is rapidly increasing.

The parents of our subject are John and Sarah Jane (Simpkins) Sprigel, and at the time of his

birth, which occurred September 13, 1866, the family were making their home in Upper Leacock Township, Lancaster County. The founder of the Sprigel family in this portion of this country was one Michael, who was a native of Germany, and in his boyhood crossed the Atlantic, settling in New York State near the Pennsylvania line. He learned the trade of weaving near Poughkeepsie, on the Hudson, and followed that calling during his early life in the vicinity of that place. Of his two sons, the elder went to Ohio, where he permanently settled, while the younger, Michael, was the grandfather of our subject. He was born near Poughkeepsie, and like his father, learned the weaver's trade, which he followed in order to obtain a livelihood. Later in life his home was near Ephrata, in this county, and there his death occurred. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and a man who had the respect of his friends and neighbors. For his wife he chose a Miss Troup, of English descent, and to them were born seven children. The grandfather's death occurred when he was about sixty years of age, while his wife passed away when in her fortieth year.

John Sprigel was born near Ephrata about 1820, and learned the carpenter's trade in that place. For many years subsequently he was a resident of Upper Leacock Township, and since 1876 has lived in Lancaster. In politics he is a Republican, and socially belongs to the Odd Fellows' society and the Independent Order of Red Men. To himself and wife have been born eight children, as follows: Mary, Mrs. Kitzen; John Albert, deceased; Sarah J. and Annie, who are unmarried; Charles, deceased; J. Leonard; Elizabeth and Adam, deceased. The parents are honored residents of this city, and are still actively interested in the Reformed Church, to which they belong.

The early years of our subject were passed on his father's farm in this county, where he received an elementary education in the district school. Upon the family's removal to Lancaster he became a student in its public schools and afterwards entered the Keystone Business College of Philadelphia, where he laid the foundation of his practical knowledge of commercial affairs. Soon after com-

pleting his studies he commenced serving an apprenticeship in the confectionery business in the Quaker City, and his time was thus occupied for the next three years. After some time passed as a journeyman he engaged in business for himself in Philadelphia, where he was located for about a year. It was in 1890 when he came to Lancaster, and in the few years that have passed he has met with good success in his undertakings.

Mr. Sprigel is a member of Moravian Sun Lodge No. 99, K. M.; belongs to Herschel Lodge, I. O. O. F., and George Shiffer Council No. 117, Jr. O. U. A. M. In political affairs he is a loyal Republican, and is an active member of the Citizens' Republican Club. April 7, 1880, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Sprigel and Miss Katherine, daughter of David Hoyer, of Philadelphia. Mrs. Sprigel, who is highly accomplished and well educated, was born in the Quaker City and there grew to maturity.

lished a foundry and machine shop there, being a member of the firm of Johnson & Fraim. He continued actively in business until his death, in December, 1868, when he died suddenly in the prime of life, being in his forty-first year. His wife was a daughter of Jacob Kuhns, a native of Lancaster, who in the early days was a distiller and later became a brick manufacturer. He was of German descent, a member of the Reformed Church, and his death occurred in Lancaster when he was about seventy-two years of age. The mother of our subject is still living, making her home in Dayton, and after the death of Mr. Fraim she married E. J. Zahn, of Lancaster, who died some eight years later. Of her four children, one is a daughter and the others are sons. The former, Clara, is Mrs. Van Horn, of Dayton; Edward T. is next in order of birth; Miller W. is a member of the firm of Rosenstein & Fraim, of this city, and Parker is with the same firm.

Edward T., of this sketch, was reared in Dayton, Ohio, until the year 1875, receiving a common school education and attending the commercial college of that place. In 1875 he came to this his birthplace and served a four years' apprenticeship to the jeweler, E. J. Zahn. After finishing the trade he engaged in the locksmith business and finally secured a patent on a padlock in 1881, which has met with a wide sale. For some years he was engaged in partnership with his brother Miller, his manufactory being situated on Cherry Alley. In 1884 he removed from Fulton Street, where he had been situated for a time, and engaged in manufacturing on Park Avenue, where he still remains. The building has a frontage of one hundred and twenty feet, is thirty-four feet deep and has a basement and two stories. The foundry adjoining is 40x60 feet and there Mr. Fraim manufactures brass castings. In the main building the basement is used for storage, the first floor as a machine shop, shipping room and office, and the second floor for the finishing and polishing rooms. Mr. Fraim superintends the whole business in its various departments, keeps three salesmen on the road and employs in the shop from sixty-five to seventy-five men. He has patented about a dozen locks all told, but makes a specialty of his padlock. In 1888 his

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**E**DWARD T. FRAIM is the owner and proprietor of the Keystone Lock Works and is engaged in the manufacture of several kinds of padlocks on which he has patents. He is a man of genius and is one of the very few patentees who have secured a fortune by means of their own invention. He established and has carried on his now large and lucrative manufacturing trade and has a fine plant at No. 237 Park Avenue, Lancaster. Mr. Fraim was born in this city February 18, 1857. His paternal great-grandfather was a native of Scotland and was one of the early settlers in this locality. His son Miller, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Lancaster and was a successful confectioner until his death, which occurred here.

Samuel D. and Annie E. (Kuhns) Fraim, the parents of our subject, were likewise born in this place and here grew to maturity. The father was an iron founder and in 1857 removed to Dayton, Ohio, where he worked at his trade and later estab-



brother withdrew from the firm and he has since carried on the business alone, constantly enlarging it and finding it necessary to do so in order to meet his increase in trade.

In 1877 Mr. Fraim was married in this city to Miss Bella Fairer. Mrs. Fraim was born in this city and is a daughter of Absalom Fairer, who for years was keeper at the court house. Mr. and Mrs. Fraim have become the parents of two sons, Samuel and Walter, and their pleasant home at No. 621 North Duke Street was built by our subject. He is a Republican politically, also a member of the Royal Arcanum. He also belongs to the Hardware Club, of New York City, in which manufacturers and dealers in hardware are interested. He and his wife attend St. Paul's Reformed Church, of which they are valued members.



**D**AVID STONE RETTEW, President of the Common Council of Lancaster, is held in good repute as a man of intelligence, uprightness and cordial spirit. He is very prominent in his ward, and in February, 1894, was elected on the Republican ticket to the Council by the largest majority ever accorded a candidate. He is also Superintendent of the manufacturing department of the Jacob Harnish Carpet House in this city.

Our subject was born in this county in West Earl Township, May 15, 1837, and is the son of Samuel Rettew, a native of Chester County, this state, and in turn the son of William Rettew, a farmer of English and French descent. The great-grandfather of our subject served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, in which conflict he acquitted himself with honor. The father of our subject, after his marriage, located in West Earl Township, where he engaged in farm pursuits until 1852, when he sold his estate and made his home with our subject until his decease in 1876, at the age of seventy-two years. He was a good Chris-

tian gentleman and a devoted member of the Reformed Church. He married Miss Susan, daughter of David Stone, a large landowner and successful agriculturist of this section. Mr. Stone was a man prominent in politics, and at one time served as Auditor of Lancaster County. He was a Whig, and a member of the Reformed Church, in the faith of which he departed this life in 1862. The mother of our subject died in 1855, beloved by all who knew her.

The parental family included four children, of whom David S. was the eldest. He was reared on his father's farm, and until sixteen years of age attended the common schools. He then entered the woolen mill of the late George Levan, where he learned the trade, and in 1861, in company with Solomon Groff, bought out Mr. Levan and ran the business for eleven years with fair success. At the expiration of that time he sold out and purchased a half-interest in a general merchandise store in New Holland, which was operated under the firm name of Hull & Rettew. This partnership existed for two years, when our subject disposed of his share, and in 1878 located in Lancaster. In the fall of 1877 Mr. Rettew had been elected by the Board of Prison Inspectors as underkeeper at the county prison, which position he held for two years; he then entered the employ of Harnish & Co., dry goods and carpet manufacturers, having charge of the carpet department. He has been in the employ of the company for the past fourteen years and gives perfect satisfaction in discharging his duties as Superintendent. He is connected with the People's Building and Loan Association and is held in the highest esteem, possessing the confidence of all with whom he has dealings.

David Stone Rettew was married in this city in 1860 to Miss Susan, daughter of Daniel Manning, a farmer of Manor Township, this county. To our subject and his estimable wife there have been born four children: William, engaged in the dry goods business in Norfolk, Va.; Sarah, at home with her parents; Ella, the wife of A. L. Hornish, and David, at home.

In 1862 our subject enlisted in Company B, Tenth Pennsylvania State Militia, and with his regiment participated in the Battle of Antietam.

On the expiration of his term of enlistment he was honorably discharged and returned home. In 1890 he was elected to the Common Council from the Second Ward on the Republican ticket, and in 1893 was made President of the Board, and was re-elected to the same office the following year. Socially he is a Mason, belonging to Council No. 19, Commandery, No. 13 K. T., and Lodge of Perfection. He is likewise connected with Herschel Lodge No. 123, I. O. O. F., and Washington Encampment, No. 11. He belongs to the Knights of the Mystic Shrine, of which he is District Deputy, and is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, holding membership with Lancaster Council No. 912. He is a past officer and member of the Committee of Law and State Body in the Knights of Malta, which he has represented to the Grand Lodge. He is a member of the Reformed Church and in politics is a true blue Republican.



**W**ILLIAM J. ZIEGLER has for about twenty years been an employe of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad as agent at Lancaster. From his early years he has been engaged in railroading, and has made a trustworthy and responsible business man. He was born October 15, 1845, at Columbia, Lancaster County, being a son of John and Margaret (Jenkins) Ziegler, who came from old families and pioneers of this locality, and were much respected citizens.

The great-grandfather of our subject, Francis Ottamor Ziegler, was born in Alsace, France, in 1750, and came to this country with Baron Steuben, taking part in the Revolutionary War and having the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Afterwards he located in Lancaster, where he married Mary Frances Hook, who was born here in 1760. Mr. Ziegler was a silversmith by trade and followed his calling in Baltimore, and later in Columbia, where he died in 1800. His son George, the grandfather

of William J., of this sketch, was born in Baltimore and learned the cooper's trade. He was a member of the Catholic Church, and politically was an old line Whig. By his first wife, Margaret Slood, he had eleven children, and by his second wife, Mary Hoover, had three children. John Ziegler, the father of our subject, was the fourth in order of birth of the family of the first wife; he was born February 3, 1816, and died April 3, 1893. July 29, 1841, he married Margaret Jenkins, and their golden wedding was celebrated in 1891.

The boyhood of William J. Ziegler was passed at the place of his birth, where he received a regular school education until thirteen years of age. He then went with his father to Cincinnati for a short time and afterwards to Pittsburg, where the former was in the employ of the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railroad for some time. Later the youth went to Baltimore, becoming an operator on the Northern Central Railroad, and served in that capacity during the war. It was a very responsible position at that time, but he discharged his duties with discretion and fidelity, being later transferred to Manheim, where he was in the employ of the Reading & Columbia Railroad, now a branch of the Philadelphia & Reading. At the expiration of five years he worked for the Huntingdon & Broad Top Railroad at Saxton, Pa., for nearly three years, and during that time he contracted the fever and ague and was obliged to give up his place. Upon recovering his health to some extent Mr. Ziegler came to Lancaster and was made agent of what is now the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. This place he has ably filled for two decades, and is considered one of the most straightforward and business-like agents in the employ of the company. He is also at present in charge of the United States Express agency at this point and in this also gives good satisfaction.

January 10, 1871, Mr. Ziegler married Anna Elizabeth, daughter of David Wolf, who did valiant service during the late Civil conflict, and whose life paid the penalty for his patriotism in the Danville Prison. Prior to the war he had been a successful hotel-keeper and was a much respected man. Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler have had six children: Mary P., John D., Harry J., John D. (the second of

the name), Josephine S. and Frank A. Both boys who bore the name of John D. have passed away, but the other members of the family are still under the parental roof and are receiving good educational advantages. The father is a supporter of the Democratic party, and has been active in everything pertaining to its success. With his family he is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and contributes to worthy benevolent enterprises.



**W**ILLIAM H. BATEMAN. This gentleman, who is one of the oldest and most successful painters in Lancaster, has had a remarkable experience on sea and land. When a young man he served for three and one-half years as a sailor in the United States Navy and for a period of twelve years was on the waters. He has been a resident of this city for many years and has contributed to the general welfare of the community, who hold him in high esteem.

Born in Baltimore, Md., July 5, 1819, our subject is the son of William L. Bateman, also a native of that city, as was also the grandfather, Benjamin Bateman. The latter was a teller in a bank in Baltimore and served efficiently as a soldier in the War of 1812. The great-grandfather of our subject came from England, and locating in Maryland, became prominent in local affairs. The father of our subject during his later years came to Lancaster, where his decease occurred at the age of eighty-four years. He also fought in the War of 1812 and distinguished himself for his bravery. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a worthy and influential citizen, highly respected throughout this county. He was married to Miss Catherine Dallas, also a native of Baltimore and of Scotch descent. She departed this life near her native city in 1832, at the age of thirty-five years.

The parental family included two sons and one daughter, of whom our subject is the only one liv-

ing. His older brother, James S., served all through the late war, and died in 1891 in Asbury Park, N. J. William H., of this sketch, attended the public schools of Baltimore, and when a lad of sixteen years left home and went to sea on a merchant vessel. This was in 1835 and his first trip was made to London, England. He has visited nearly every port of importance in the world and rose from the humble position of cabin boy to be chief mate of his vessel. In 1836 Mr. Bateman enlisted in the United States Navy under Commodore Dallas, a relative of his mother's, on the "Constitution." He was afterwards changed to the vessel commanded by Commodore Scott and participated in the Seminole War. At one time they put ashore and aided the infantry in fighting the enemy. Mr. Bateman was for two years and six months on land in Florida, during which time he was Sergeant of his company. He was mustered out of service in the navy yard at Brooklyn, from the schooner "Flurd" and in 1840 was paid off. Our subject then returned to Baltimore, whence he went to New York and engaged to sail on the ship bound for Charleston, S. C., of which he was made chief mate.

In August, 1847, Mr. Bateman abandoned the life of a sailor, and coming to Lancaster, has been engaged in painting ever since and is the oldest workman at that trade in the city. For seventeen years he was in partnership with Michael McCullom, but after its dissolution, continued alone. He has been called upon to fill contracts in this and adjoining counties and has done work on many of the large and important buildings in this section, including the new almshouse, several college buildings and St. Paul's Reformed Church. He gives employment to fifteen or twenty men and is considered an expert in his line.

William H. Bateman was married in 1846 to Miss Annie Pontz, a native of this city and the daughter of George Pontz, an old settler in this county. Mrs. Bateman died in Baltimore in 1853, while in that place on a visit. She became the mother of four children, three of whom are living: William, Emily and Jacob. Our subject was again married, the lady on this occasion being Miss Mary A. Daugherty, and to them were granted the follow-

ing children: John, Margaret, Kate, James, Ella, Edward, Walter, Mary and Sella. The three latter are deceased. Mrs. Bateman departed this life August 4, 1894.

Our subject has been prominent in school affairs and for three years served as Director from the Seventh Ward. Socially he belongs to Lancaster Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., and Washington Encampment No. 11. He is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has held official positions. He is a true blue Republican in politics and always votes the straight ticket.



**R**EV. EDWARD COOPER, A. M., M. D., is pastor of the Presbyterian Memorial Church on South Queen Street, Lancaster, and though eighty years of age is still active and a worker in his Master's vineyard. In many parts of the United States he has a wide acquaintance among prominent and well known men, and in whatever community his lot has been passed his influence has been only felt for good. Residing at Atchison, Kan., during the years when the grasshopper was literally a burden, he assisted in the distribution of provisions to the poor and needy in that afflicted state.

The birth of our subject occurred in Rensselaer County, N. Y., in 1814, and his father, Christian C., was also a native of the same county. His paternal grandfather, whose given name was also Christian, was born in Germany, and became a farmer in Rensselaer County, where his death occurred. He was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church, and some of his brothers were in the Revolutionary War. Christian C. Cooper was in the War of 1812, and later was an officer in the New York Militia. His wife, who in her girlhood was Mary Ensel, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y. She was a daughter of Captain Ensel, a native of

Germany, who followed the sea and was lost in mid ocean. Mrs. Cooper, who was brought up by Anthony Boucher was a school-mate of Martin Van Buren.

Dr. Cooper of this sketch is the eldest of seven children, four of whom are living, and was reared on his father's farm. His primary education was received in the public schools of the day, and his higher education was obtained in Fairfield Academy, the New Brunswick (N. J.) College, which he left in the Junior year, and Union College of Schenectady, N. Y., from which he graduated in 1839 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After leaving college he engaged in teaching at Phelps, Ontario County, N. Y., while pursuing the study of law with Judge Folyor. He took charge of Cayuga Academy at Aurora, and subsequently the Waterloo Academy. Both of these institutions, while he was Principal, became prominent centers of education and commanded a large patronage. During this period the subject of this sketch received the honorary degree of M. A. from three colleges.

In 1845 he was prominent in a state convention of teachers held at Syracuse, at which the New York State Teachers' Association was formed, of which he was the first Corresponding Secretary, and editor of the *Teachers' Advocate*, a weekly paper established as its organ. During its first year it gained circulation in every state of the Union, and was finally merged into the *Quarterly Journal of Education* and published in New York City. Mr. Cooper having purchased one-third of the *Syracuse Daily Journal* became its editor for some years, leaving it on account of his wife's ill health for a more southern climate. For two years he was President of a female college at New Albany, from which he was called to the Presidency of the Odd Fellows' Female College in Tennessee, at Paris, and was there ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church. He became pastor of the church in Brownsville and Principal of the Female Institute, one of the most flourishing schools in the western district of that state. He was active and influential in the canvass for the first convention which was made for session, but the majority was against that ruinous measure. When the second convention was called, his congregation

was regarded as decidedly opposed to the measure. It was deemed best to get him out of the way, and General Pillow sent a detachment for his arrest. Warned by friends, he left for the north a few hours ahead of its arrival, reaching Cincinnati in safety, and received a cordial welcome. Being very patriotic, Dr. Cooper made a great many speeches and succeeded in getting many recruits for the Union. During the first of the war he was pastor of a Presbyterian Church and Principal of the academy at Monroe, Butler County, Ohio, and in 1863 was commissioned by Governor Brough Chaplain of the Eighth Ohio Cavalry. Going south to Virginia, he was from that time all through the Shenandoah Valley Campaign, and participated in about forty battles and skirmishes. In August, 1865, he received an honorable discharge and was mustered out with his regiment.

Returning from southern battlefields to Bloomington, Fayette County, Ohio, Dr. Cooper took charge of the academy and church of that place for three years, after which he was made pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Atchison, occupying the pulpit for about nine years following, during which time he was also a member of the Board of Directors of Highland University, from which he received the degree of D. D. Being called to Cincinnati he took charge of the Missionary Department of the Presbyterian Board of Publications, as District Secretary for five synods, organized the work and continued for seven years in the discharge of its duties. Going next to St. Louis, the Doctor became editor of the *St. Louis Evangelist*, a paper published by the Presbyterian Newspaper Company, which he changed from a monthly to a weekly publication. At the end of five years the company bought the *Mid Continent*, of Kansas City, merged the two papers and made a grand success of the enterprise, which is still being carried on under the name of *Mid Continent*. After about six years of hard editorial work he sold out his interest and retired on account of ill health. In 1891 he came to this city to rest and traveled some in the east, but his services were too valuable to be long unemployed, and he was unanimously called to take charge of the Memorial Presbyterian Church, for which he had occasionally preached.

The affairs of the church were in a run-down condition, but new life and energy have been infused into its workings; the building has been remodeled and a fine pipe organ placed in the church. The Sunday-school numbers two hundred and seventy-five pupils, and every department of church work is in a flourishing condition.

Rev. Mr. Cooper was first married in Fairfield, N. Y., to Miss Mary A. Raymond, by whom he had a family of six children, all of whom have passed to the better land. The present wife of our subject, whom he married in Lancaster, was Miss Louisa B. Bower, a native of Strasburg, Pa. Her energetic and faithful services in the church and community are gratefully appreciated. Dr. Cooper still continues to write for church and secular journals, and being well versed on the current affairs of the day, is not only an interesting writer, but an entertaining conversationalist. Since 1845 he has been an Odd Fellow and helped to organize the Philadelphia Lodge in Syracuse, and is a member of Friendship Lodge No. 5, in Atchison, Kan. Formerly a member of Ransom Post, G. A. R., of St. Louis, he is now identified with G. H. Thomas Post No. 81, of this city. A Whig and Abolitionist prior to the formation of the Republican party, he has since 1856 been a staunch supporter of the latter organization, but never expresses a political sentiment in the pulpit. His preaching is expository of the Scriptures and earnestly vivacious in style of delivery.



**I**SRAEL P. MAYER, a prominent contractor and builder of Lancaster, is a native of this county, having been born in Hempfield, near Rohrerstown, February 25, 1850. He is the son of Henry Mayer, whose birth occurred on the Mayer farm, in Nanheim Township adjoining the city. Grandfather Jacob Mayer was also a native of Lancaster County, and was a prominent farmer in his community. He was a devoted member of the

Mennonite Church, and active in all good works. The great-grandfather of our subject owned six hundred acres of valuable farming land adjoining the city of Lancaster, besides a vast estate of one thousand acres in Maryland. He had four sons and three daughters, of whom three sons located in this county, and the remainder of the family made their home in Maryland.

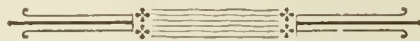
Henry Mayer was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for a number of years, having charge of the men repairing the tracks. He departed this life March 17, 1881, at his home in this county. Like his father before him he was a consistent member of the Mennonite Church. He was in his seventy-second year when he died, and was the youngest member of the family, his brothers and sisters all attaining a good old age. He was married to Miss Anna Hoefgen, born in Rohrerstown, this county, and the daughter of Sebastian Hoefgen, who was born in Switzerland and came to America when a young man. He was a nail smith in the above place, and there made his home until his decease. The mother of our subject is also deceased, passing away in 1882, at the age of sixty-seven years. She was a member of the Lutheran Church.

The parental family of our subject included fourteen children, nine of whom grew to mature years, and named respectively: Elizabeth, Maria, Christian, Abraham, John, Israel P., Anna, Samuel and Emma. During the late war Christian served in the Union ranks as a member of Company E, Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry, as Sergeant. His regiment formed a part of the Army of the Cumberland, and Mr. Mayer remained in the ranks for three years. He is now working for our subject, and is an expert carpenter. He is prominent in Grand Army circles and is Colonel of Union Veteran Encampment No. 14.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools, and when eighteen years of age was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade in Landisville with a Mr. Bowers. He remained with him for two years, and after the first eight months received \$1 per day. He was in the employ of different parties in that place until starting in business for himself in 1878. He has been very

successful as a contractor and builder and has erected some of the largest stores and finest residences in Lancaster, among them being Hotel Lancaster, Isaac Diller's store, Major Rohrer's store, Green Stone Row Terrace, West Chestnut Street School, and the residences of James and David Rose. He also did the carpenter work on the First Methodist Episcopal Church and the Western Methodist Episcopal Church. He built most of the residences in what is known as the North End, and constructed the crematory on Swinburn Island.

Our subject was married in Harrisburg in 1871, to Miss Elizabeth S. Dietrich, a native of Landisville, and the daughter of Samuel Dietrich. To them has been born a daughter, Anna E. In 1884 Mr. Mayer was elected to the Common Council, and re-elected for several years successively, until he refused to hold the office any longer. He is an attendant at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics is a staunch Republican.



**H**ENRY F. EBERMAN, M. D., is a successful practitioner, and a native of Lancaster, as were his father and grandfather before him. The family has been very prominent in this locality, and in former generations bore a like reputation in the Fatherland. Our subject is a leading Republican, and in February, 1894, was elected City Councilman from the First Ward, running at the head of his ticket. For three terms, extending over a period of three years, he was a consulting physician of the Lancaster County Hospital, and has built up a lucrative and extensive practice in this city.

The Doctor's paternal grandfather, John, who was a man of considerable genius, made the large clock for the court house, which is used up to the present day, and carried on business at No. 215 North Prince Street. His father was a native of Ebermanstadt, Germany, and on coming to the New World settled in Lancaster, where he worked at his trade, which was also that of watch and clock making. Charles F., the father of our subject, was





FREDERICK BUCHER.



born at No. 215 North Prince Street, and like the two generations preceding him, learned the trade of watch-making. For a few years he had a store on North Queen Street, but afterwards entered a political career. He was appointed a letter carrier, being the second one in the city, and afterwards was made clerk in the County Assessor's office. When the Assessor's office was merged into the United States Collector's office, he became the first Deputy Revenue Collector of the Ninth Pennsylvania District, working with C. Wiley and A. J. Kauffman until Cleveland's first term. Then resigning he was later made Deputy Recorder under Messrs. Longenecker and E. L. Reinhold. His death, which occurred April 9, 1888, was from the effect of typhoid fever, and at that time he was in his fifty-eighth year. He was a strong Republican, and a very active worker in the Moravian Church. His wife, Christina Erisman before marriage, was born on Chestnut Street, Lancaster, and is a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Royal) Erisman, also natives of this city. The former was a contractor and builder. His wife is still living at No. 237 West Chestnut Street. The mother of the Doctor makes her home with him, and of her six children only two are now living, the other, Naomi, being a teacher in the city schools.

Dr. Eberman was born at No. 241 West Chestnut Street, September 24, 1856, and here grew to manhood, graduating from the high school in 1874. He began his medical studies with old Dr. H. E. Muehlenburg, and in 1876 entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated three years later with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In order to gain practical experience, he was for the following year resident physician of the Blockley, now the Philadelphia Hospital. This equipped him finely for his future work, and in 1880 he engaged in general practice in this city, his office now being at No. 230 North Prince Street. He numbers among his clients many of the best families of the place, and from year to year his ability is becoming more generally recognized. A true Republican, he has been very active in the affairs of his party, and for seven years was clerk of the Fire Committee of the Council.

September 27, 1887, Dr. Eberman married Miss

Catherine A. Hostetter, who was born in this county, and they have a little daughter, Dorothy F. Religiously they are Moravians and members of that church. Personally Dr. Eberman numbers many warm friends in all circles, and as he is very good natured and of a happy disposition his companionship is much coveted. He is very fond of hunting and fishing, is well equipped with everything necessary in those lines, and has a thoroughbred bird dog.



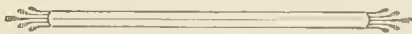
**F**REDERICK BUCHER. Among the worthy German-American citizens of Columbia is this gentleman, who has been a resident of the place for over forty years, during which time he has become actively interested in its welfare and development and has long been classed among its leading merchants. Since 1836 his time has been devoted to his real estate interests, and as he has built many houses, he has literally been thus identified with the material growth of the place. At the present time he is the owner of over fifty houses which he rents, besides possessing a number of lots and other property in the locality.

On the 18th of September, 1830, Mr. Bucher was born in Deggingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, being a son of Joseph Max and Barbara (Bernauer) Bucher, the former of whom was a prominent and well-to-do merchant. In 1853 our subject came to America, and three years later was followed by his brother Christian; and Max, another brother, crossed the Atlantic in 1858. Both of these brothers have since departed this life. Soon after his arrival Mr. Bucher located at Columbia and secured employment in Ruple's hardware store. Later he entered the employ of Henry Phaler, of this place, with whom he remained until 1860. In that year he associated himself in business with J. W. Cottrell, and finally, in 1866, embarked in the grocery and hardware trade, in which lines he continued for twenty years. In 1857 he made an extended tour through the south and west, with the idea in view of finding a place in which to permanently settle, under favorable circumstances, but

ultimately returned to Columbia, believing that no better commercial center with greater future interests could be found than here, and the wisdom of his decision has been confirmed.

In 1854 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Bucher and Louisa, daughter of Michael Bartsch, of Chestnut Hill, Lancaster County. To our subject and wife have been born four children: Mary, Frederick, Amelia and William. The family have a pleasant home and enjoy the friendship of a wide circle of friends. The youngest son, William, is a drug clerk, and the elder, Frederick, is a student in the Medical Department of the State University of Pennsylvania.

Faternally our subject is a member of the Odd Fellows' society, having joined Susquehanna Lodge No. 80, in 1856, in which he has passed through all the chairs. Since 1871 he has been identified with the Artisans' Order of Mutual Protection, at Columbia, of which he is now Master Artisan, and he is also President of the Columbia Rod and Gun Club. He is a very active Republican, and in 1894 was elected a member of the Borough Council from his ward. It is now a long time since Mr. Bucher was placed in the rank of Columbia's wealthy men, and he has been generous in the distribution of his means for the public good. He is a Director in the Keeley Stove Works of this place, for a number of years served as Treasurer of the Columbia Laundry Machine Company, and was Treasurer of the New York Building and Loan Association at one time. In 1880 he visited the Fatherland and the most prominent points of interest in France, Germany and Italy. Although in his sixty-fourth year, he retains his youthful activity and energy of both mind and body and is affable and entertaining in conversation.



**S**AMUEL M. WRIGHT, a well known citizen and retired business man of Millersville, is a son of Thomas and Margaret (McCauley) Wright, and was born September 8, 1812, near Londonderry, County Donegal, Ireland. His father was of English and his mother

of Scotch descent. Having lost his father by death at a very early age, his mother, with her three children, Samuel M., Robert and Rebecca, emigrated to America in 1822 to join her father, who came to this country in 1810 and settled in the southern part of York County, Pa., where she lived until the time of her death, which occurred in 1858, at the age of seventy-five years.

The subject of this sketch received his education in the private schools of York County and Borough, after which he taught school for eight terms. He taught during the first six years of the existence of the present public school system. After retiring from the school room he was for several years connected with the mercantile business. From 1844 to 1850 he was bookkeeper for the Colemans at their Castle Finn forge in York County, Pa. In the fall of 1850 he was offered, and accepted, a position as accountant for Reeves, Abbott & Co., at their Safe Harbor Iron Works. He remained at these works for a period of thirty-two years, during which time he filled the position of bookkeeper, cashier and general manager. In the spring of 1882 Mr. Wright retired to private life, after spending so many years of arduous labor in the business world.

In politics our subject was a Henry Clay Whig, but at present is a staunch Republican and has been since the organization of the party, and has served twenty-five years as School Director of the Safe Harbor Independent District in Conestoga Township. In religion he has always been a Presbyterian, having connected himself with the church of that denomination in Lower Chanceford Township, York County, in 1836. Socially Mr. Wright is a member of Conestoga Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Safe Harbor.

Mr. Wright was united in marriage March 2, 1852, with Miss Susan A. Wright, a daughter of Benjamin and Susanna (Buckwalter) Wright, late of Manor Township, by whom he had five children, as follows: Thomas C., Benjamin, William McCauley, Emma R. and Robert, of whom Thomas C. and Emma R. survive and are living at home. Thomas is at present engaged in preparing the genealogy of his mother's family. Mr. Wright departed this life in 1873, aged forty-nine years.

Her family are among the early settlers of Lancaster County. She was a granddaughter of William and Elizabeth (Bartram) Wright and a lineal descendant of John Carlidge, who took up land in Manor Township in 1718.

Our subject is a man whose entire course in life has been in every respect honorable, upright and conscientious and he is justly entitled to the respect of his associates and the esteem of all who know him. He now resides in the village of Millersville, to which place he removed in the spring of 1884.



**J** FRANK BOWMAN for several years has been engaged in the cigar box manufacturing business in Lancaster, and has built up a remunerative and constantly increasing trade in this article, his business now amounting to from \$18,000 to \$20,000 per annum, and this has been accomplished during a short period of four years. In politics Mr. Bowman has taken quite an active part, and in February, 1894, was elected a member of the Common Council. In the fraternal circles of the city he is a leading member, and in many industries and enterprises which have greatly increased the standing of the city he has given his influence.

A son of John M. and Catherine (Obevely) Bowman, the subject of this biography, was born July 19, 1856, in Lancaster Township, of this county. His paternal grandfather, whose Christian name was Isaac, was a native of Strasburg Township, and followed farming, also building and contracting, in that locality during his active career, which terminated when he had attained his seventy-seventh year. He was first a Whig, and subsequently a Republican. By his marriage with Elizabeth Musser he had eight children: John M., Henry; Elizabeth, who died at the age of eighteen years;

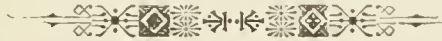
Isaac, Joseph, Amanda, Anna, and Benjamin, who has passed away.

Our subject's father was born in Eden Township, this county, and learned the trade of a machinist in the bending works, and was also a sawyer. In later years he devoted his time to carrying on his farm in Providence Township, a tract of ninety-two acres. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and religiously was a member of the Mennonite Church. He has been twice married, having three children by his first union: Anna, J. F. and Charles. The mother of these children was called from this life when her son, J. Frank, was a lad of only two and a-half years, and his father subsequently married Mrs. Martha Starr, *nee* Boreman. Of his marriage eight children were born, as follows: Catherine, Benjamin, Ella, Martha, E., Hays, Ezra and Sallie.

J. Frank Bowman left his father's home when only nine years old, returning during the winters in order to attend school until he was thirteen years of age, when he went away permanently, and for the succeeding seven years worked on farms, or at whatever he could find to do, in order to obtain a livelihood. He then assumed a clerkship in a tobacco warehouse at Harnish Station, being in the employ of Mr. Harnish. To that gentleman he gave his faithful services for fourteen years, during the latter part of the time running the business altogether. Afterward coming to Lancaster, he took a position as solicitor and collector for the firm of Levan & Sons, merchant millers, and continued with them for four years. Later he engaged in the flour and feed business in this city, and finally, in 1890, started his present industry at Nos. 135 and 137 North Christian Street. This plant, which is 28x70 feet and two stories in height, is one of the leading concerns of the city at the present time, and affords employment to twelve hands. Mr. Bowman is now also engaged in running a metal edge box shop at his home, No. 116 West Orange Street. The products of these manufactories are sold in Lancaster, Harrisburg, and many other cities in the eastern part of the state and Maryland. From his early years the proprietor has been possessed of great ingenuity and originality, and these qual-

ities have been very useful to him in the various departments of his business. He is truly a self-made and self-educated man, as his attendance at school was very limited, and he was obliged to go to work when very young. Naturally very studious, Mr. Bowman has succeeded in becoming well posted by private reading and practical experience in the battle of life.

Politically Mr. Bowman is a Republican, has served as Judge and Inspector of Elections, and was President of the Campaign Club preceding the election of Rutherford B. Hayes. Among the civic societies to which Mr. Bowman belongs are the following: Monterey Lodge No. 242, I. O. O. F.; Inland City Lodge No. 88, K. of P.; Meridian Sun Commandery No. 99, K. of M.; Fulton Castle No. 410, K. of G. E.; Stevens Council No. 156, Sr. O. U. A. M.; Lancaster Council No. 912, Jr. O. U. A. M.; and in addition to which he belongs to the City Literary and Social Club. Mr. Bowman was married August 3, 1886, to Miss Nanny Walker, and they have three children: Chester W., Edgar Quay and David B.



**H**ENRY D. ROHRER is a practical florist and one of the proprietors of the East End greenhouses so well known in Lancaster and hereabouts. For nearly a quarter of a century he has devoted his entire time and interest to the cultivation of plants and market vegetables and has made a success of his business enterprises. Until the spring of 1894 he engaged in partnership with his brother A. D., under the firm name of A. D. Rohrer & Bro., and since that time has carried on his business alone, having dissolved partnership with his brother.

The birth of our subject occurred in East Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, March 3, 1847, his parents being Abraham and Susan (Denlinger) Rohrer, who were likewise born in this township. The paternal grandfather, Jacob Rohrer, came

from one of the oldest families of the county, his ancestors having originated in Switzerland and being of German descent. The Rohrers first settled in Montgomery County, but in a very early day located in Lancaster County. The father of Henry D. was an extensive farmer in former days near Conestoga Creek, having over three hundred acres at one time, which he divided between his children on retiring from active life. He is still living, residing on a portion of the old homestead, and is now about eighty years of age. His wife, who was a daughter of Jacob Denlinger, has reached the ripe age of eighty-two years, and of her four sons and one daughter all are still living. The eldest, A. D., is retired from active business; John lives in East Lampeter Township; H. D. is next in order of birth; Benjamin lives at the old home, and Annie is the wife of Jacob Landis, of Lampeter Township.

Henry D. Rohrer was reared to the duties of farm life and had common school advantages in his boyhood. In 1870 he bought the place adjoining that of his brother Abraham D., and together they began their present business. As the years passed they found it necessary to continually enlarge the capacity of their greenhouses and they now have about forty, covering some ninety thousand square feet. These are heated by steam with five engines, one of eighty horse-power, two of forty and two of twenty horse-power, and everything else is of the most improved modern kind. The location of the greenhouses is on East King Street adjoining the city, where the brothers own a thousand feet frontage. In the spring of 1894 Henry D. Rohrer built a new plant of sixteen greenhouses on the Conestoga Creek, at the foot of Orange Street, making them each one hundred feet in length, and gives his entire attention to growing flowers for the wholesale trade only. Mr. Rohrer has taken quite an active part in the up-building of the city and in public improvements. He owns a tract of sixteen acres which he opened and graded, besides making other improvements. Cottage Avenue, which is one of the most beautiful streets in the city, running from East King to East Orange Street, he gave to the public, and afterward, in connection with his brother and Mr.

Rouk, opened and graded East Orange Street from the city limits to Conestoga Creek, making a most beautiful drive. It is all laid out in fifty foot lots for residences only, and when built up will be one of the finest portions of the city. This plat is nicely laid out and trees and evergreen hedges have been planted. Mr. Rohrer erected a brick residence on Cottage Avenue which he has sold, and his own home is pleasantly situated on East King Street.

In this city our subject was married in 1870 to Miss Mary Kreider, whose birth occurred in Lampeter Township. To this worthy couple three children have been born: Abram K., Harry K. and Ella. Mrs. Rohrer is a member of the Old Mennonite Church of this city and is a lady of excellent education and worthy qualities.

Since the organization of the American Florist Association our subject has been a member of the same and regularly attends its meetings. In politics he votes with the Republican party. Mr. Rohrer has under his personal control twenty-five greenhouses built on the most improved modern plans, which will make this the largest plant of the kind in Lancaster County.

A. D. Rohrer was born in East Lampeter Township in 1840, and on his father's homestead passed his boyhood. After obtaining a good common school education he started in the florist business on the outskirts of Lancaster, beginning on a very small scale with only one greenhouse. Such attention and industry as he manifested was rewarded in time with the fine business which is now his. He owns a tract of thirteen acres and has built four residences on King Street and one on East Orange Street. In his real-estate venture he has been as successful as in his other enterprises and this property is rapidly rising in value in the market. When the Lancaster Electric Railway was started Mr. Rohrer was a Director in the same and superintended its laying out. Likewise in Conestoga Park he has always been greatly interested and also in the West End Park, and to his efforts in a large measure are due these beautiful and attractive bits of scenery, which the people duly appreciate.

A. D. Rohrer married Miss Barbara Esbenschade,

whose birth occurred in Manheim Township, and of their union has been born one child, Willis. Like his brother, A. D. is a true Republican and a patriotic citizen. He is a member of the American Florist Association and makes it his endeavor to keep thoroughly abreast with the times.



**F**HARES W. FRY, a dealer in and manufacturer of leaf tobacco and cigars, was born in Millport, Lancaster County, Pa., December 21, 1845, being a son of Samuel Fry. He was reared in his native town, obtaining his education in the common schools until ten years of age, and from 1855 to 1857 attending school at Lititz. In 1859-60 he was a student in the normal school at Millersville for eighteen months. The next two years of his life were spent as a clerk in a general store at New Haven.

During the Civil War, in 1863, Mr. Fry enlisted in the Fiftieth Pennsylvania Regiment, and July 20, 1864, volunteered in Company G, One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry, under Capt. P. L. Sprecher. He served in Virginia and West Virginia until his command was mustered out at Harrisburg, November 4, 1864, when he returned to his home. After a short time spent as clerk in a store, in 1865 he came to Lancaster, entering the employ of Lane & Co., dry-goods dealers, with whom he remained seven years. In 1872 he engaged in the wall paper and window shade business at No. 63 North Queen Street, and from there moved to No. 57 North Queen Street, where he remained until 1886. Disposing of the business he engaged in his present trade with his brother, M. M. Fry, under the firm name of M. M. Fry & Bro. The partnership continued until 1890, when our subject took the cigar business, which he conducted in the rear end of their warehouse. He also engaged in the leaf tobacco trade. In 1892 he located at his present place, No. 119 North Christian Street, where he carries on business, ag-

gregating from twelve hundred to fifteen hundred cases per annum.

Our subject was united in marriage at Safe Harbor, April 7, 1878, with Miss Josephine C., daughter of Capt. George Hess, who was killed in the late war. By this marriage three children were born, Howard W., Emma H. and Allen C. Our subject is counted among the prosperous business men of Lancaster, and among other interests it may be mentioned that he is one of the stockholders of the People's Building and Loan Association. Politically, he is a firm supporter of the Republican party.



**J**AMES YOUNG MITCHELL, A. M., D. D., is the second oldest resident pastor in Lancaster, and has charge of the First Presbyterian Church, which was organized in 1763. The first building of the congregation was built about 1770, and continued to be their church home until 1821, when it was enlarged, and in 1850 the present walls were erected. The church is on Orange between Lime and Duke Streets, and of late years has been remodeled, and is now one of the finest structures both in finish and style in the state. Rev. Dr. Mitchell is a very popular and scholarly gentleman, who has been prominent in his denomination for several decades, and was the last Moderator of the Historic Synod of Philadelphia in 1881.

The birth of our subject occurred in Philadelphia, Pa. His father, James Mitchell, was born in County Derry, Ireland, and learned the linen weaver's trade. A year after his marriage to Elizabeth Young they came to America and settled in Philadelphia. Until 1857 the father engaged in the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods, when he retired from active cares. He died in 1881, when he was over four-score years of age, and his wife only survived him about three years. Though their parents were residents of Ireland,

they were natives of Scotland. Our subject is the third in a family of five children, two of whom are living, and he was reared in Philadelphia, where he attended the high school for three years.

The collegiate education of Rev. Dr. Mitchell was commenced at Delaware College in Newark, Del., where he was a student for two years, continued in Union College of Schenectady, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1854 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and in 1857 he was graduated from the Princeton Theological Seminary after a three years' course. Union College later conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts, and in 1880 he received from his Alma Mater the degree of Doctor of Divinity. After graduating from the Theological Seminary in 1857 he was licensed to preach by the Philadelphia Presbytery, and soon accepted a call to the church in Phillipsburg, N. J., and while there the church building was finished and its debts paid. In January, 1862, he was called to the congregation in Philadelphia, in which he was reared and with which his parents and family were identified. Among his church members were Elders with whom he had played when a boy. A debt of \$8,000 on the church was paid off in two weeks under his able management and earnest efforts. In 1868 a new church was built at the corner of Franklin and Thompson Streets at a cost of \$100,000. This church, which is known as the Temple Presbyterian, is only two squares from Dr. Mitchell's birthplace, and he continued as its pastor until 1876, when he was called to his present charge.

In September of that year, Dr. Mitchell removed his family to Lancaster, and the following year the church was remodeled, a pipe organ introduced and a bell hung. In 1889 Robert A. Evans built the adjoining memorial chapel, which cost \$23,000. During the year 1893 a further work of improvement upon the church was commenced, and about \$13,000 were spent. Walnut pews, a new organ, steam heat and electric lights and modern conveniences are now to be found in this, one of the wealthiest churches in the state.

In October, 1858, Dr. Mitchell was married in Easton, to Henrietta, daughter of Peter S. Michler, who was at the time President of a bank there.

Mrs. Mitchell was born in Easton, and was educated in seminaries of Massachusetts and New York City. By her marriage she has become the mother of five children. James, A. M., M. D., who was graduated from the Franklin and Marshall College and the Medical Department of the Pennsylvania University, is located in Philadelphia. Mary, Mrs. H. H. Hoyt, resides in Milwaukee, Wis., where her husband is an attorney. Martha became the wife of Capt. C. J. Crane, of the Twenty-fourth United States Infantry, who is now stationed at Ft. Baird, N. Mex. Warren, a civil engineer and graduate of the University of Wisconsin, is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad, and Henrietta lives with her parents at No. 34 North Lime Street.

Dr. Mitchell is a charter member of Kensington Commandery, K. T., of Philadelphia. In former years Hon. Thaddens Stevens and ex-President James Buchanan were pew holders, and the latter a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Dr. Mitchell is a highly cultured and finely educated gentleman, who possesses a good delivery, and has an earnest manner, which claims the attention of his hearers.



**J**ACOB H. LANDIS, a prominent citizen of Millersville, Lancaster County, has been retired from active cares since 1880, after having lived a useful and busy life as an agriculturist and miller in Manor Township. The family of which he is a member is an old one in this county, the founder of the branch in these parts having been of Swiss nationality. He was Benjamin Landis, who in 1717 located in Manheim Township, where he proceeded to develop a tract of wild land. He was married to Elizabeth Brackbill, by whom he had two sons, Benjamin and John. The latter, born June 9, 1786, in Manheim Township, became the father of our subject, and when nineteen years of age removed to a farm in Conestoga Township, which is now

in possession of his son Tobias. The same year he married Elizabeth Rudy, and by her had the following children: Mary, Mrs. Gamber; Benjamin; Anna, Mrs. Forry; and Fannie, Mrs. Weidler. By a second marriage, to Anna, daughter of Jacob Huber, were born Susan, now deceased; Betsey; Jacob H., David, Tobias and Magdalena, the latter of whom became the wife of Rudolph Herr, but has since passed away. The father of these children was a man of great enterprise and industry. His judgment was always considered sound and his influence in the community was wholesome and beneficial. In 1893 he was elected Supervisor of Conestoga Township, and while a resident of Manor Township, served as County Commissioner. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. A devoted member of the Mennonite Church, he held steadfast to the faith until his death, August 22, 1870, when in his eighty-fifth year.

Jacob Landis was born April 18, 1822, on his father's farm in Conestoga Township, and was only four years old when his parents removed to Manor Township. He pursued his study at Litz, and also at a select school in Manheim Township. After becoming thoroughly familiar with the labors pertaining to farming he started an apprenticeship at the miller's trade, in 1841, and after learning the same, assumed charge of his father's mill, which he successfully operated for several years. In 1861 he became sole proprietor of both the mill and the farm, and conducted them successfully until his retirement from business life some fourteen years ago.

February 26, 1852, Mr. Landis married Anna S., daughter of David and Susan Herr, of Lancaster Township, this county. Of this union two sons and four daughters were born: John H., who married Miss Betsy Thoma; Mary A., who married Clayton S. Wenger, of West Earl Township, Lancaster County; Susan, Mrs. Reist; Lizzie, who became the wife of H. L. Stehman; Fannie, deceased, and David, who married Miss Ellen Shelly. In his political faith Mr. Landis supports the Republican party, but has neither sought nor desired political honors. Ever a great friend to the cause of education, he is a Trustee at the present time of the Millersville State Normal School and in every

way has used his influence in favor of advanced methods in educational matters. He is a Director of the Farmers' National Bank of Lancaster, and was one of the Managers of the Lancaster & Millersville Street Railroad. In his many investments and different business enterprises he has been very successful and prosperous, having shown great ability and foresight in the management of his affairs. He is a member of the Reformed Church of this place, with which he has been connected for many years as an active worker. Personally he is a man of strict integrity and true worth.



**P**ROF. CHRISTIAN J. BURGER is very prominent in musical circles in Lancaster, being leader of Burger's Orchestra and Burger's Military Band. From his early years he has been noted for talent in this art and was a lad of only twelve years when he took the first prize for violin playing out of a class of six hundred pupils. From the time he was ten years of age he has given his earnest effort to improve in this line and has built up an almost national reputation for his skill. He has traveled in all parts of the country with different companies as leader of orchestra and at one time was with Buffalo Bill in the Wild West Show.

Professor Burger was born in Reading, Pa., March 27, 1859, being a son of Christian J. and Annetta (Kaul) Burger. The father was born in Baden, Germany, where he was a blacksmith by trade. When a young man he came to this country, settling in Reading, where he engaged in making boilers for the firm of Obert & Sons. At the age of fifty-two years, in 1883, he departed this life in that city, and his widow now makes her home in Lancaster. The sketch of her father, Rev. Permin Kaul, may be found in another portion of this work. Professor Burger is the eldest of six children, all but two of whom are living, and until ten

years of age attended the Reading public schools. He was then sent to Notre Dame, Ind., and there took up music, and, as previously mentioned, received high honors for his violin work. At the end of three years he was apprenticed to a jeweler in Reading and completed the trade, at the same time spending much of his time on music. At the end of four years our subject went on the road with the Welsh & Hughes Brooklyn Minstrels, with whom he continued one season as leader of the orchestra. The following year he traveled with Haywood Brothers as leader, and then for two seasons went with the company of Agnes Villa. From 1881 to the spring of 1887 Professor Burger traveled with the Wild West Show as leader of the band and played in all the principal cities in the United States, having been in San Francisco five times. In the opera house in Lancaster the Professor was Director for two years and later traveled with Russell's Comedians. In 1881 Burger's Orchestra and the Military Band were organized by him and since that time he has had a steady engagement at the Fulton Opera House in Lancaster, the orchestra being composed of from nine to fifteen pieces, and the band having twenty-five pieces.

In 1883 our subject organized the Lancaster Opera Company, which gave "Pinafore." In 1890 they performed in "Mikado," three years later returning to "Pinafore," and in 1894 presented "Three Black Cloaks." This company was well drilled and met with flattering success. In the line of composition Professor Burger has done considerable, mainly in the line of music for orchestra and bands, and he is the author of several popular marches and clever quadrilles and other dances. He has published music to a certain extent and many of his productions have met with a large sale. As a professor of music in this city he is very favorably known, having numbered among his pupils many from the best families in Lancaster.

In 1889 Professor Burger was married in Lancaster to Miss Emma Stewart, of this place, and daughter of Thomas Stewart. The father was formerly engaged in farming in this locality and was killed by the cars in Philadelphia when in the prime of life, being about forty years of age. His wife, formerly Mary Tangred, was born in Lancas-



ter, as was also her father, George Tangred. Mrs. Burger is next to the youngest of four children, and by her marriage has become the mother of one child, Christian P. Mr. and Mrs. Burger are members of St. Anthony's Church. The former is a Democrat and socially is a charter member of the Elk's society.



**S**AMUEL CHARLES STEIGERWALT. It is a pleasure to the biographer to head this sketch with the name of the man who is in every sense worthy of the distinction afforded by honorable mention among the distinguished citizens of the community in which he has passed nearly all the active years of his life. Mr. Steigerwalt is one of the prominent carriage-makers of Lancaster, in which business he has been engaged in the city since 1886.

Henry and Mary (Trisler) Steigerwalt, the parents of our subject, were natives of Pennsylvania and people highly respected in their community. For a fuller history of this worthy couple the reader is referred to the sketch of M. F. Steigerwalt on another page in this volume.

When ready to choose an occupation in life Samuel C., of this biography, learned the trade of a carriage-maker in the shops of Samuel B. Cox, of this city. Soon after mastering the business he went to Petersburg, afterward to Neffsville and later to Refton, where he was engaged in working as a carriage-maker. In 1882 we find him again in his native city. He opened up an establishment of his own on Prince Street, where he carried on a thriving business for two years, and then removed to his present location on Queen Street. He has a large shop, manufactures all kinds of road vehicles and gives employment to several men. He also has a department devoted to repairing wagons and carriages, and never fails to give satisfaction in all work turned out.

In political relations our subject is an ardent Republican. He belongs to St. Paul's Methodist

Episcopal Church and endeavors to aid the progress of the good work in the city. During the late war he enlisted in the Union army, offering his services the same month Ft. Sumter was fired upon. He was mustered into Company F, First Pennsylvania Infantry, in the three months' call, but remained in the army for eight months, when he was discharged at Harrisburg, this state.

The lady whom our subject married on Christmas Day, 1862, was Miss Alice Ryan, a sister of I. H. Ryan, whose sketch will be found in this volume, and who is a prominent real-estate dealer of this city. To Mr. and Mrs. Steigerwalt there were born eight children, namely: Samuel C.; Albert H., deceased; Herbert R., a private detective in the employ of the Pennsylvania Traction Company; Benton H., Oliver I., Alice M., Maude S. and Laura K.



**R**OBERT C. McCULLEY is a well known and respected citizen of Lancaster, who owns and operates successfully a large iron foundry, and is the oldest foundryman in the county. His works are situated at the corner of North Plum Street and the Pennsylvania Railroad, and he makes a specialty of the manufacture of corn and cob crushers and castings requiring great strength. The proprietor is a thorough master of his business, to which he has given his energies and strict attention for his entire active career, about half a century.

The birth of Mr. McCulley occurred in Lancaster, July 13, 1828, at a place where now stands the ticket office of the Pennsylvania Railroad. His paternal grandfather, Jacob, was born in Scotland, and he it was who changed the name from its original spelling, McCullough. Our subject's father, Jacob, was born in Harrisburg, and was formerly a manufacturer of soap and candles, his business location having been on the site of the Pennsylvania Railroad station before the road was constructed. He died in this city when sixty-one years of age. He was a wealthy man and very in-

influential, serving at one time as a member of the City Council. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, and by his union with Cazanna Bitner had six children who grew to maturity. One of the sons, James T., was for three years a soldier in a Pennsylvania Regiment during the War of the Rebellion, and died in Lancaster. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Jacob Bitner, was a resident of York County, where he followed the carpenter's trade, and afterwards located on North Queen Street, Lancaster. He lived to a ripe old age, being in his ninety-first year at the time of his death, while his wife lived to be ninety-three years old.

When fourteen years old R. C. McCulley was apprenticed to learn the molder's trade at a foundry on South Queen Street, near the Conestoga Creek, and remained there for two years. Afterwards he worked in Pennell's Machine Foundry, and then traveled as a journeyman in the south and through a number of states. For some seven years he was situated in Pittsburg and in Allegheny, but finally in 1858 returned to this place. Embarking in business on Water Street, he subsequently purchased the site of the old iron works on Chestnut between North Queen and Prince Streets. For twenty years the firm was known as Harberger & McCulley, and they built up a fine business and remunerative trade. In 1883 our subject's partner withdrew from the firm, and Mr. McCulley has since continued in business alone. The same year he rented a portion of the old locomotive works, at the corner of North Plum Street and the Pennsylvania Railroad, and makes a specialty of general foundry and pattern work. The cob crusher which he manufactured has met with an extended sale, and over three thousand are in actual use. Mr. McCulley ships his products to every state in this country, and also sends castings, etc., to foreign ports. Employment is given to upwards of twenty-five hands, and the best machinery is used in turning out the articles he manufactures. At times he has cast rolls weighing four tons, cupola caps weighing eight tons, and other machinery of almost incredible size.

Mr. McCulley owns a pleasant home at No. 804 Manor Street, also one in Philadelphia, two cot-

tages at the sea shore, and some fifteen houses in Lancaster. In 1859 he married Miss Mary, daughter of Allen Magargil, who was born in Philadelphia. The latter was a tanner and merchant in the Quaker City, and a citizen who was greatly respected. Mr. and Mrs. McCulley have three children, all of whom are living, namely: Annie, Martha and Emma, the latter the wife of E. S. Halbach, of Lancaster. Mrs. McCulley is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, and is a most estimable lady.

In politics our subject is independent, and has served for three years as a member of the Select Council from the Eighth Ward, but has since declined renomination. During his term he was active on the committee which had in charge the construction of the city water works, and he has always used his influence for the benefiting of his fellow-citizens.



**M**ILTON T. REEDER, M. D., an able physician of Millersville, received a fine general and medical education and is a student of his profession, having also contributed articles of great value to various medical journals. For several generations the Reeder family have been prominent members of whatever community they have resided in, and the first of whom anything definite is known was one Henry Reeder, who came to the United States in 1810, settling near Hagerstown, Md. This was the grandfather of our subject and he became owner of a large plantation. He was a slave owner, but freed all of his slaves prior to the war. He successfully carried on his plantation near Hagerstown and continued to reside there until his death. He was politically a Whig and a member of the Presbyterian Church. In his family were three sons and one daughter, Thomas, Henry, William A. and Mary A. The lat-

ter married J. B. Lynch and afterward became the wife of John Hall; she is still living in St. Louis. The Reeder family is noted for longevity, and our subject's grandfather died at an extreme old age.

William A. Reeder, the father of our subject, received a common school education and learned the trade of cabinet-making, to which he devoted himself in Hagerstown and Baltimore and still later at Clear Spring, Md. In 1856 he removed to Wells Valley, Fulton County, Pa., where he lived for four years, then selling his place he located in Belfast Township, in the same county, where he continued to reside until his death. He was a Republican and a member of the Order of Red Men and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Religiously he was a Baptist of the old school and was very strict and upright in his conduct. His wife was Mehitable (Tanner) Reeder, by whom he had two sons and two daughters: Milton T., our subject; Sarah A., Mrs. Stotz, of Marietta, Lancaster County; Mary C. and Jacob T., of Marietta. The father of these children was called from life when in his sixty-eighth year.

Dr. Milton T. Reeder was born January 9, 1848, at Clear Spring, Washington County, Md., and received his elementary education in the schools of Fulton County. Later he attended the County Normal School at McConnellsburg and for three years studied higher mathematics and the languages under the tutelage of Prof. Charles A. Douglas, a graduate of Yale. In 1880 our subject graduated from the Bellevue Medical College of New York City, after having pursued the required course of study. He immediately entered upon his professional career at Millersville, which has since been his field of work. During the fourteen years that have since elapsed he has acquired an enviable reputation as a man of ability in his line, and his practice, which is large and lucrative, is constantly increasing. A man of much more than the ordinary intelligence and information, he is a ready and interesting conversationalist and writer, and his contributions to medical periodicals and to the science are looked for and read with eagerness by hosts of his admirers and friends, who are scattered all through the country. Fraternally he

holds membership with Harrisonville Lodge No. 710, I. O. O. F.

On the 16th of April, 1885, Dr. Reeder was married to Miss Mary E., daughter of John Lenhardt, who is a farmer and cooper of this county. Mrs. Reeder, a lady of culture and refinement, graduated from the Millersville State Normal in the Class of '77. The Doctor and his wife have many friends in this locality and are very popular in social circles.



JOHN H. JORDAN, whose sketch we now have the pleasure of presenting, is the only safe expert in the city of Lancaster. He is carrying on a lock and blacksmithing establishment, manufactures iron ladles and does general jobbing, making the repairing of safes a specialty. His honored father, W. H. Jordan, who fought bravely as a Union soldier during the late war, was of Scotch-Irish ancestry and was orphaned by his father's death when he was an infant. After having completed his apprenticeship to the locksmith's trade under a Mr. Bush, he located in Lancaster, where he was successfully engaged in the manufacture of German locks until his decease. This event occurred in 1876, when in his fifty-second year. He was a Democrat in politics and popular in his neighborhood. He married Sabina Wise, a native of this county, who departed this life when our subject was only four years of age.

During the late war W. H. Jordan served in Company A, Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry, for eighteen months. He participated in many of the hard fought battles of that period, performing the duties of a private in a most praiseworthy manner. He was an active member of George H. Thomas Post No. 84, G. A. R., during the remainder of his life.

The original of this sketch was the eldest of the parental family, comprising three children, one of whom is now deceased. Henry H. is engaged in the laundry business on East King Street in this

city. John H. was born in Lancaster October 14, 1855, and when a lad of fourteen years began learning the trade of a locksmith under the instruction of his father and Henry Young, who was his partner. Later he worked as a journeyman in this city and Philadelphia, and in 1882 purchased Mr. Young's interest and he has since successfully conducted the business alone. He does light blacksmith work, has two fires and employs several men. As before stated, he is the only safe expert in the city and thus is always kept busy.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Rachel, daughter of John Keys, was celebrated in this city in the fall of 1876. Mrs. Jordan was born in Philadelphia and is a well educated and a most estimable lady. Her father served during the late war in a Pennsylvania Regiment and was killed at the battle of Weldon Railroad. He was a very large, strong man and stood six feet two and one-half inches.

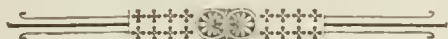
To Mr. and Mrs. Jordan there were born three children: William D., engaged in the dry-goods business; Clara L. and John H. Our subject and his family occupy a comfortable residence at No. 333 Chester Street. The former is a member in good standing of the Trinity Lutheran Church. He is a Knight of Pythias, belonging to Lodge No. 88, and in politics is a staunch Democrat.



**A**MOS D. AILES, Superintendent of the Conestoga Cork Works, is the oldest practical cork man in Lancaster. He was born in the city of Fairfield, Lancaster County, April 14, 1842. His father, Amos Ailes, was born in the same place. The grandfather, Amos, a farmer by occupation, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and a soldier in the War of 1812. Our subject's father was a blacksmith in his younger days, but later in life removed to a farm in Fulton Township. His

mother, Margaret Cline Wenditz, was born in Strasburg, of German descent, and died at Lancaster, aged seventy-two years. Amos D. is one of a family of ten children, six of whom are now living. Isaac was in a Maryland battery during the Civil War and now resides at Lancaster. Our subject was the oldest child; he was reared on a farm, obtained his education at the public schools, and in August, 1862, enlisted as a member of the Thirteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, being in Company C. He was mustered in at Philadelphia and belonged to the Army of the Potomac, and participated in the Shenandoah Valley campaign. He was taken prisoner at Fisher's Hill with ten others of his regiment and sent to Libby Prison. After enduring the terrible hardships in that prison for six weeks, he was sent to Belle Isle, and after two weeks was paroled, and finally exchanged. He then joined his regiment at Winchester. After Grant took command he was at the front until Lee's surrender, when he was sent to Raleigh, N. C., to help General Sherman and was mustered out in August, 1865, after which he took a course in Bryant & Stratton's Commercial College at Philadelphia. The next eighteen months of his life were spent as a traveling salesman for a drug house. He traveled by team through Missouri. In 1868 he was married at Kansas City, Mo., to Miss Florence V. Rayel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rayel, who owned a plantation in Tennessee. After his engagement on the road, he returned to Sedalia, Mo., near which place he engaged in farming, and there remained until 1873. He then returned to Lancaster, and two years later embarked in the cork business with a Mr. Cadwell, for whom he kept books two years, and then went out as a traveling salesman, continuing at this for seven years during which time he traveled and kept the books for the concern. In 1882 the business was destroyed by fire, but the good will of the concern was sold to Gideon Arnold, and our subject was employed as Superintendent and head bookkeeper. The works now employ one hundred and seventy hands and is a very successful plant. Our subject has erected two fine residences on North Lime Street, and one near North Duke Street. Mr. and Mrs. Ailes are the parents of two children, Robert,

a bookkeeper in Philadelphia, and Stella B., Mrs. Edge, of Atlantic City, N. J. Mr. Ailes is an honored member of Hersehel Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Royal Arcanum, the Artisans and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Politically, he is a Republican and an active participant in local and state politics.



**D**R. H. D. KNIGHT, a well known dentist of Lancaster, was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., November 16, 1833, the son of Rev. Joshua Knight, a native of Connecticut, and the grandson of David Knight, who was of old Puritan stock. Rev. Mr. Knight was graduated at Carlisle, Pa., and was pastor of the Congregational Church of Sherburne, from which place he went to Herkimer County, and in 1840 removed to Rome, N. Y. For a time he conducted a drug business. He was of English and Scotch ancestry, and died at the age of eighty-two years.

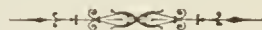
The first wife of Rev. Mr. Knight was Amanda Talcutt, and by that union eight children were born. His second wife, our subject's mother, was Polly Kenyon, a native of Connecticut, who died at the age of forty-seven years. This marriage was blessed with four children, of which only one survives. Reared in Vienna, N. Y., our subject remained on the farm until twenty years of age. He was educated in Adams Academy, Jefferson County, N. Y., and in 1854 began the study of dentistry at Utica, N. Y., under Dr. Alvin Blakesley, with whom he remained about three years. After this he remained awhile in Chicago and then settled at Rockton, Ill., where he practiced his profession.

In 1860 Dr. Knight removed to Burlington, Wis., where he practiced until he enlisted as a soldier in the Union cause under Col. E. L. Butrick, of Milwaukee, becoming a member of Company D, Thirty-ninth Wisconsin Infantry. His time of service was spent principally at Memphis, Tenn.,

and he took part in the famous raid of General Forrest. He was mustered out in October and again resumed the practice of his profession, which he pursued until his health failed, when he sold out.

In 1868 Dr. Knight went to Elgin, Ill., to work in the watch factory, where he remained seven years in the capacity of assistant foreman in the jewelring department. September 16, 1875, he came to Lancaster, where he was engaged for three years with the Adams & Perry Watch Co., but six months later the works shut down. He then resumed professional work. In 1878 he established an office for himself on North Queen Street, and later removed to No. 331 North Queen Street, where he is now located. His charming home residence is at No. 130 East Chestnut Street. He has a large, lucrative practice and stands high among his fellowmen. He is one of the Directors of the Lancaster General Hospital, belongs to the Executive Committee and is one of the charter members.

The Doctor was married in Beloit, Wis., to Miss Hannah Seoville, who was born in Canada; her parents, however, were from New York State. She died in Lancaster, after which our subject married Miss Emily C., daughter of the late George Albright. Our subject is a member of George H. Thomas Post No. 84, and is its surgeon. He is a consistent member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and was a member of the Board of Trustees for some three years. He belongs to the Harris Dental Association, and politically is a stalwart Republican.



**G**EORGE A. MARSHALL, senior member of the wholesale and retail hardware firm of Marshall & Rengier, who established themselves in business in 1873, was born in Lancaster July 7, 1847, and was reared and educated in the city of his birth. When thirteen years of age he commenced to learn the hardware trade with Steinman & Co., with whom he remained thirteen years, becoming head salesman. In 1873 Mr. Marshall, together with Albert S. Rengier, left the employment of George M. Steinman & Co., hardware dealers,

and started the business at its present location, which from a small beginning has, through the persistence and good business management of its proprietors, grown to its present proportions. They now have a building 32x140 feet in size, three stories high, with a warehouse 32x60 feet, two stories high, located at Nos. 9 and 11 South Queen Street.

Our subject was married October 30, 1879, at Lancaster to Miss Maria L. Good, a native of Lancaster County. She is a daughter of John B. Good, an attorney. By this marriage two children have been born, Ella M. and Clara C. Mr. Marshall is a member of the Free & Accepted Masons, as well as of the chapter and commandery, and is Pastmaster of all the chairs. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows' order and to the Knights of Pythias. He was a member of the building committee that constructed the first Methodist Church edifice, which cost \$83,000. He is active in church and Sunday-school work, and was librarian for ten years. Politically he is a Republican.

It may be added that the Good family came to Weaverland in 1734 from Germany, and were Mennonites. There were two brothers, Jacob and Christian Good. The latter reared a family of seventeen children, six sons and eleven daughters; one of these sons, Jacob, was the grandfather of John B. Good. The latter was born in Brecknock Township; he was elected Justice of the Peace in the spring of 1847, and was twice re-elected. He was also a surveyor, and followed that until he located in Lancaster in the spring of 1858. He also practiced law during the last years of his life.



**T**HOMAS PENDERGAST is the proprietor of the American Horological Institute, a technical school, which has a strong staff of instructors and is one of the important local industries of Lancaster. It was established many years ago in Philadelphia, and its reputation as a mechanical training school in its specialties is established all over the country. Our subject is

at the head of the institution, but prior to taking charge of it was Superintendent of a large watch factory.

Our subject was born in Boston, Mass., April 23, 1847, and is the son of Pierce Pendergast, also a native of that state, and in turn the son of John Pendergast, who was born in Ireland. He was an Orangeman, and upon emigrating to the United States located where now stands South Boston, Mass., where he carried on farm pursuits. In religion he was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. The father of our subject is now living in Commonwealth, a suburb of Boston, where he was the proprietor of a fine market until his decease in 1855. He married Miss Catherine Burke, born near South Adams, Mass., and the daughter of Edward Burke, a native of Ireland. Mrs. Pendergast is still living, making her home in Watertown, Mass. She too is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is seventy-eight years of age.

The parental family of our subject included five children, all of whom are living, and Thomas was the eldest but one. James served during the late war as a member of the Forty-fourth Massachusetts Infantry; he is now living in Chicago, Ill., and is a retired manufacturer. Pierce B., Jr., another son, is a commission merchant in Boston; Frank is also engaged in that business in the same city, and Mary, the only daughter, is the wife of James McDonald, of Boston.

The original of this sketch received his education in the public schools of his native city, and in August, 1864, ran away from home and enlisted in Company K, Fifth Massachusetts Infantry, as a drummer boy. In that capacity he participated in the battles of Kingston, N. C., Whitehall and Goldsboro. In the latter battle he was wounded by a musket ball and was only enabled to crawl off the field, where he was picked up by the ambulance and conveyed to the hospital. In July, 1865, he was honorably discharged, and returning home, was nursed back to health by his good mother.

When fully recovered, young Pendergast apprenticed himself to learn the watchmaker's trade, receiving for his first pay fifty cents per week. In 1867 he went to Elgin, Ill., where he entered the

watch factory, receiving for his salary \$75 per month. His ability was soon recognized, and before long he was placed in charge of a department employing four hundred and twenty men. In 1879 Mr. Pendergast went to Rockford, Ill., and for two years was foreman of the jewel and engraving departments of the factory there.

In 1881 the original of this sketch came to Lancaster, where he was soon offered the position of foreman of the engraving department of the Lancaster Watch Company, and in 1892 was given entire charge of the Keystone Watch Company, superintending the same until it was closed in 1893. That year our subject went to Philadelphia, and buying out the Horological Institute, moved it to this city and has since conducted it successfully, having as many as sixty pupils. It occupies large, well ventilated quarters, wherein the students are taught watchmaking, engraving, jewelry manufacturing, watch repairing, etc. An important department connected with the institute is the teaching of optical science, and not a few of the students have added this to their other branches. The discipline is as strict as in any other school or college, and the instructors are the best to be found anywhere.

Our subject, who has had twenty years' experience in the great Elgin and Waltham factories, exercises a careful supervision over the institute. He is the Dean of the faculty, the Principal of the school and undoubtedly the best instructor in the country. His skill as an engraver and watchmaker is unrivaled, and many beautiful specimens of his work are evidence of this fact. Of the eight institutions of the kind in America, the American Horological is known as the "Old Reliable," and under its present management its future promises to be a brilliant one.

Thomas Pendergast was married in 1879, in Elgin, to Miss Mary, sister of Judge Eugene Clifford, of Chicago. She became the mother of three children, Eugene, Madge and Fred. She departed this life in 1882. The second union of our subject occurred in 1888, at which time Miss Flora Mingle became his wife. She was born in Huntingdon County, this state, and has borne her husband a son, David Harold. Socially our sub-

ject is a Knight of Pythias, belonging to the lodge in Elgin. In religious affairs he belongs to the First Presbyterian Church, and in politics votes the straight Republican ticket.



**S**AMUEL GONTNER, whose Postoffice address is Safe Harbor, is one of the most highly respected citizens of Conestoga Township, Lancaster County. His father, who bore the Christian name of Daniel, was born in Lebanon County, Pa., and in his early business career was a currier and tanner. Subsequently he abandoned that trade and became a contractor. From there he went to York County, Pa., where under his supervision the York Furnace was constructed. During the War of 1812, he was a member of the Light Horse Cavalry and at all times, whether in peace or war, was patriotic and ready to surrender his personal interests for the benefit of the general public. In his political belief he was a Republican, and religiously was identified with the Lutheran denomination. During his last years he was engaged in farming in Conestoga Township and then lived retired from active cares until his death, which occurred in 1873. His first wife was a Miss Albright and bore him two sons, George and William. His second wife bore the maiden name of Caroline Garrett, and her children are named, Samuel and John.

Samuel Gontner was born in Shaferstown, Lebanon County, Pa., November 10, 1821, and there passed his early years. He received a good common school education in Conestoga Township and also in the schools of Lower Chanford Township, York County, in which districts his father the other members of the family happened to be living. On leaving school at the age of nineteen years he devoted his energies to the millwright's trade and after learning the business made it his principal occupation in life. By means of his inherited qualities of industry, perseverance and thrift

he has made a good living for himself and family and is surrounded with the necessities and comforts of life. For the past fifty years he has made his home in this township and bears an excellent reputation for his worthy qualities among his neighbors, who have known him for years and have thus had ample opportunities for becoming familiar with his abilities and traits.

November 9, 1842, Mr. Gontner was married to Miss Mary A. Hess, who was born in the year 1826 in Manor Township. Mrs. Gontner is a lady of amiable disposition and has been a true wife and loving mother. Eight children have blessed their home, five of the number being sons, and only one of the family circle has been gathered to the better land by the angel of death. In the order of their birth they are as follows: Sarah A., Mrs. Hartman; Catherine, deceased; Abram, John, Aaron, Lizzie, Charlie and Daniel. In his political views Mr. Gontner is, like his father formerly was, a staunch Republican.



**C**HARLES F. NEWELL will form the subject of this notice. He is now engaged as a paper hanger and artistic decorator at Lancaster. He was born August 18, 1856, at West Philadelphia. His father, Samuel Newell, was born in the same place, as well as his grandfather, who was a butcher by trade. Our subject's father was an auger manufacturer, and was a foreman of a large shop for fifteen years prior to his death, which occurred in 1860. He was sixty years of age at the time of his death. Politically, he was a Whig originally, but later joined the Republican party. In religious matters he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Our subject's mother, Mary (Jenkins) Newell, was a native of Philadelphia and of Scotch-Irish descent. She still resides in Philadelphia. Of her six children, four are now living, our subject being the youngest. His brother James was in a Penn-

sylvania regiment during the Civil War. He was a politician and died while a member of the Legislature, in 1878, aged forty-four years. He had been a member of that body for ten years consecutively.

The subject of this sketch was reared in West Philadelphia, receiving a good common-school education. When seventeen years of age he was apprenticed to learn the paperhanging and decorating trade. He served four years and eight months, after which he traveled from place, working at his trade, visiting various parts of Pennsylvania and Ohio. In 1883 he came to Lancaster, and worked at his trade for J. D. Morton & Co., and four years later started in business for himself. He then became a partner of Francis Brinkman, under the firm name of Brinkman & Newell. The former died in 1889, when his son William became a partner in the concern at No. 29 East Orange Street, but in April, 1890, the business was located at Nos. 13 and 15 East Orange Street, where a large and lucrative business is conducted. The company employs fifteen workmen, and they do all of the railroad work between Philadelphia and Harrisburg for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Our subject is superintendent of the entire business.

Mr. Newell was united in marriage, at Philadelphia, in 1880, to Miss Mary Jackson, a native of New York City, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Jackson. Politically our subject affiliates with the Republican party. He is a member of the Odd Fellows' and Elks' lodges, and also belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle in Philadelphia.



**W**ILLIAM O. MARSHALL, of the city of Lancaster, and the gentleman who has for the last fifteen years been Treasurer of the School Board, and who is now actively engaged as a boot and shoe merchant, comes from an honored old family. He was born in Philadelphia, October 12, 1840, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall. Our subject's Grand-







HENRY HARTLEY.

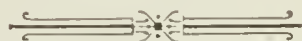
father Marshall, with two of his brothers, came to Lancaster at an early day. Our subject's father was a shoemaker; he married and located in Philadelphia, in which city he worked at his trade until 1814, when he returned to Lancaster and became a manufacturer and retailer. In 1865 our subject became a partner of his father, the firm name being J. Marshall & Son. He is the eldest in his father's family. The father, who is seventy-eight years of age, has been an active member for many years of St. John's Free Episcopal Church.

Our subject's mother's maiden name was Maria Okeson, a native of Lancaster, and the daughter of John Okeson, who came from England. The mother died at the age of seventy years, leaving a family of six children, four of whom are living: William O., Mary A., George A. and Lizzie C. Our subject was the eldest in the family, and obtained a good common-school education. At the age of thirteen he was apprenticed to learn the printer's trade. He served five years and then became foreman of the composing room of the *Evening Express*, which position he held for two years, at the end of which time he entered Franklin and Marshall College. He remained in college three years, until the close of the sophomore year. It will be remembered that that was during the Civil War period, and he enlisted in the Union army, and after the war took up his trade on the *Express* and other journals. His present boot and shoe business is located at No. 12 Center Square.

In 1868 Miss Mary Richards, the daughter of Luther Richards, of Lancaster, became his wife. Mr. Richards was one of the founders of the *Examiner and Herald*. By the above marriage two children were born: Lillie R., a graduate of the high school, who married John S. Thackeray, of Philadelphia, and Charles L., also a graduate of the high school, and now a bookkeeper.

Our subject is a Republican in politics, and has served two years on the Common Council from the Third Ward. In 1877 he was elected a member of the School Board, and two years later he moved into the Fifth Ward and was re-elected. In 1879 he was made Treasurer of the School Board, and has held that position ever since. He is also

the Receiver of the school tax. He is an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter, council and commandery, and has held nearly all of the chairs, and was at one time Deputy District Grand High Priest. He is a member of St. John's Free Episcopal Church, and has been one of the Vestrymen for thirty-five years.



**H**ENRY HARTLEY. This popular resident of Lancaster occupies the responsible position of Chief of Police, and shows a splendid record in his official capacity. A jovial, pleasant gentleman, whom it is a pleasure to know, he has many warm, personal friends, not only in the city, but throughout the entire county. He is greatly interested in the welfare of the community, and by energy, tact and good judgment has greatly promoted the material welfare of the place. He deserves prominent mention for the valiant service rendered his country during the late war. While fighting gallantly for the Union he was wounded in the right arm, which he is still unable to use.

Our subject was born in Lancaster, July 24, 1840, and is the son of Gilbert R. Hartley, a native of this county, who in turn was the son of Nicholas Hartley, a farmer in this county, and a soldier in the War of 1812. The latter was a member of the Reformed Church, and of English descent. Gilbert Hartley was also in early life a tiller of the soil, but in 1811 located in this city, where he engaged in the grocery business on West King Street. He was the proprietor of a good establishment until 1852, when he sold out and began the manufacture of brick at Harrisburg Pike. A man of progressive ideas, he was the first in this section to burn brick with coal, thus reducing the time of burning from five to two days. He died in January, 1863, when sixty years of age. He served acceptably one term as Alderman, and was always reliable in citizenship, kindly and consid-

erate in neighborly associations, and honorable in his dealings. In religious belief he was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

The mother of our subject, Mrs. Margaret (Zemmer) Hartley, was born in this county, and was of German descent. She died April 27, 1893, when in her eightieth year. Five children of the parental family lived to mature years, of whom three are now living. Henry, of this sketch, was reared in his native city, and received a good education in the common and high schools. After completing his studies he learned the brickmaker's trade from his father, at which he worked from 1854 to 1859, and then apprenticed himself to a Mr. Borning to learn the trade of a carpenter. He was with him on the outbreak of the Civil War, and in 1861 enlisted, but was unable to join his company for thirteen weeks on account of sickness. Later he joined Company K, One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, and was mustered in as Corporal.

With his regiment, Mr. Hartley was sent to join the Army of the Potomac, and participated in the second battle of Bull Run, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. Having enlisted in the nine months' service, his term expired about that time and he returned home, and although importuned by his friends to remain there, he in 1863 joined Company K, Forty-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry, for three months. In the fall of that year he again tendered his services to the Union army for three years, and was mustered into Company I, Ninety-third Pennsylvania Infantry. He was soon promoted to be Sergeant, and remained with his regiment until discharged at the close of the war. He participated in the battles of Brandy Station and the Wilderness under General Grant, and when transferred to Sherman's command, was wounded in the hand at the battle of Fisher's Hill. In December, 1864, he, as a member of the Sixth Army Corps, occupied the front rank at Petersburg, and March 25 at that place he was wounded in the right forearm. Although seriously injured, he walked three miles with his knapsack to the field hospital. April 22 he was given a furlough, and returning home, was on the sick list for one year. He was honorably discharged at the close of the

war, in May, 1865, and when fully regaining his health, went to work for his father-in-law, Josiah Davish, making threshing machines.

In 1878 Mr. Hartley was elected Assessor of the Fifth Ward on the Republican ticket, and has been re-elected to the same position every succeeding year since. In 1888, under Mayor Edgely, he was appointed Sergeant of Police for a term of two years, and in 1894, under Mayor E. S. Smeltz, received his present appointment of Chief of the Police Department.

Henry Hartley was united in marriage October 18, 1868, in this city, with Miss Annie, daughter of the late Joshua Davish. To them were born two children, of whom the elder, Gilbert Henry, a high school graduate, is a practical printer, and engaged in the office of the *Examiner*; Blanche resides at home. Socially, our subject is a Knight of Pythias, and belongs to the George H. Thomas Post No. 84, G. A. R. In religious affairs he is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church. He is very prominent in political life, and takes an active part in the Republican County Committee and the Citizens' Republican Club, of which he is a charter member.



**J**OHN KENDIG, Sr., one of the progressive agriculturists of West Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, whose postoffice is East Willow Street, now owns and operates the farm which was formerly the property of his father. Since his boyhood he has devoted his time and attention to the management of this place, and keeps abreast of the times in everything relating to agriculture. In all his dealings with his friends and neighbors his career has been marked with uprightness and justice, which have won for him their high esteem and respect. He is the grandson of George Kendig, who in the early part of this century was engaged in farming and milling in West Lampeter Township. His farm com-

prised about fifty acres, and from that property and his mill he made a comfortable living for himself and family and became quite well-to-do. The mills which he operated were known as the Pew Mills, and farmers from all parts of the county and vicinity brought their grains there to be ground.

The father of our subject, whose Christian name was also John, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Kendig, being the second of the following children, George, John, Abram, Martin, Benjamin, Daniel, Polly and Betsey. The two last named are now deceased. The grandmother's maiden name was Eshleman. On arriving at his maturity our subject's father married Fannie, daughter of Abram Herr, a wealthy citizen of Lancaster County. To them were born four sons and three daughters, in order of birth as follows: John, the subject of this sketch; Abram, whose death occurred when he was three years of age; George; Abram, the second of the name; Elizabeth, Mrs. Herr; Fannie; and Barbara, who became the wife of Martin Mylin.

John Kendig received a good common school education in the district schools of Conestoga Township, which he attended quite regularly until arriving at his eighteenth year. He was born in 1815 on his father's farm in West Lampeter Township. After completing his primary education he attended the academy at Lititz, this county, for about eight months. From his boyhood he had given much of his time to assisting his father in the care of his farm, and thus was early inured to the duties and work pertaining thereto. When he left school he engaged in farming with his brother-in-law in West Lampeter Township, where he remained for a year. For the two years following he assisted his mother in the care of the homestead, and after it was appraised took entire charge of the place. Since that time he has given his best energies to the development and cultivation of the farm, and has succeeded in making it one of the best in the community. Everything about the place shows the careful attention bestowed upon it by the proprietor, for he spares neither labor nor time in keeping things in first-class order. For a period of sixty years Mr. Kendig has dwelt in this neighborhood and has won a high reputation both

for his financial ability and for the manner in which he discharges his duties to the public at large. He has many sincere friends among his neighbors, who esteem him highly for his worthy qualities.

March 15, 1842, John Kendig was united in wedlock with Miss Maria Herr, and to them have been born eight children, four sons and four daughters: Francis K.; Ada, who became the wife of Franklin Barr; Mary, Mrs. Herr, Lizzie, Alice, Martin, John, Jr., and one who died in infancy.

In his political affiliations Mr. Kendig has long supported the nominees and principles set forth by the Republican party and takes great interest in its success.



**A**BRAM SCHEETZ is senior member of the firm of Scheetz & Co., makers of fine custom shirts, underwear, collars and cuffs. He is a practical and experienced shirt-maker, and is very successful in this business, having a fine trade in the city of Lancaster. He also deserved prominent mention as one of the boys in blue during the late war.

Our subject was born in Lancaster County, near Pennville, November 27, 1838, which was also the birthplace of his father, Christian, and his paternal grandfather. The latter was a well-to-do farmer in that locality, and of German descent. He was a prominent member of the German Baptist Church, and active in all good works in this community. The father of our subject followed the trade of a cooper, operating shops in Millersville, where he has a successful business career. He died in 1868, firm in the faith of the Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Catherine (Graybill) Scheetz, the mother of our subject, was born near Pennville, this county, of German descent. She is still living at the age of seventy-four years, residing at the old home. She reared a family of five children, of whom Abraham was the eldest. He received a common-

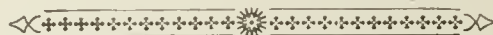
school education in Millersville, and when only thirteen years of age began to earn his own money by clerking in the grocery store of J. Buehler, in Lancaster. He remained with that gentleman for some time, and then filled the same position for other merchants until going to Elizabethtown, this county, where he obtained a situation in a general store. After a stay of two years in that place, he returned to this city, where he clerked until 1861, when, in the fall of that year, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Infantry. He first saw the smoke of battle at Bull Run, which was followed by the battle of Chancellorsville. Young Scheetz very soon thereafter was taken sick with typhoid fever and confined in the hospital for three months. When fully recovered from this disease, he was afflicted with rheumatism, and being unable to report for duty, received his honorable discharge, and was mustered out of service in 1862.

When able to take up his former business, our subject went to Philadelphia and engaged to clerk in a dry-goods establishment, where he was employed for several years, after which he started a small store on his own account, located on Race Street. Mr. Scheetz returned to Lancaster in 1864, where he opened up a retail dry-goods establishment, which he operated with fair success for five or six years. He then sold out and again engaged as clerk until 1885, when he began the manufacture of shirts, buying out the stock of H. B. Shenk & Co. His place of business is located at No. 6 West King Street, and he gives employment to twelve men and women. He makes a specialty of the "Paragon" and "Perfection" shirts, and also makes all kinds of fine underwear. He disposes of his goods throughout the state and often goes upon the road himself to take orders.

Abraham Scheetz was married in this city in the fall of 1860, to Miss Louisa, daughter of Junius P. Marshall, a farmer of Chester County, this state. Their union has resulted in the birth of two children: Henry, one of the owners of the Royal Laundry Company in Allegheny, this state; and Mary A., who is now deceased.

Socially, our subject is a member of Admiral Reynolds' Post No. 405, G. A. R., and in politics

he is a true blue Republican, casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He is a devoted member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and is active in all good works in his community. Mr. Scheetz occupies with his family a comfortable residence at No. 220 West Orange Street.



JOHN S. GRAHAM is a member of the Common Council from the Ninth Ward in Lancaster and for many years has been prominent in progressive movements and the upbuilding of the city and county. He is numbered among the successful business men of the city, where he is engaged in the manufacture of horn combs, buttons and ornaments, being the only one in this enterprising branch of trade in the city and one of the most extensive manufacturers in the state. In his boyhood he was initiated into the business and is a practical workman in its various details. The firm with which he is connected is known as Dana Graham & Sons, and their goods are sold in all parts of the country.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was a farmer in Massachusetts, and there his son, Dana, was reared, his birth having occurred in Townsend Center, of that state. After serving an apprenticeship in a comb manufactory, the latter started in business in Leomister, Mass., with Charles Joslin, with whom he continued for three years. In 1850 he became associated with John Shaffner and at the end of a year started a shop in this city. Peter Voris had owned a similar establishment in Lancaster since 1835, being a pioneer in the business in Pennsylvania. The machinery of the new plant was brought from the east and the works were run by steam power. A good building in time was put up, some 34x50 feet in dimensions, adjoining the old factory of 40x63 feet. For several terms the senior Mr. Graham served as a member of the City Council from the Ninth Ward, and was the first Alderman elected from

that locality, serving for five years. At one time he was in the State Militia during the war, located at Ft. Deposit. It was his privilege to travel considerably in different parts of the United States, and he was very active in civic societies, being a Knight Templar Mason, Past Officer and member of the Encampment of Odd Fellows, and having served in an official capacity with the Senior Order of United American Mechanics. After a very useful and busy life he was called to his final rest, April 14, 1888.

The mother of John S. Graham was born in Vermont and was in her girlhood Lucy M., daughter of Isaiah Grant. She is still living at the old home and is yet active in the work of St. John's Episcopal Church, to which she belongs. She became the mother of five sons and five daughters, of whom six grew to manhood and womanhood and five are still living; Linnie, Mrs. Hersog, of Lancaster; Emma, a professional nurse and graduate of Blockley Alms House, of Philadelphia; John S., of this sketch; Dana H., Jr., and G. Atlee.

The birth of our subject took place May 12, 1857, in Lancaster, where his boyhood was passed, his time being largely spent in the public schools. He learned the business which he now follows in his father's shops, working successively in every department and becoming familiar with every branch. In 1881 he became a partner in the business since known as Dana Graham & Sons, the firm having remained the same since the death of the father. The factory is supplied with a forty horse-power boiler and a twenty horse-power engine, which were made in Massachusetts and shipped to this point. When in full running order the works employ some sixty-five hands, who are mainly skilled workmen and who turn out every article imaginable made of horn and in demand in the trade. The location of the place is at No. 29 West James Street, where it was located in 1851. John S. Graham was married in 1878 in Lancaster to Miss Bertha Snyder, also a native of this city, and their home is pleasantly located at No. 330 West James Street. Four children grace their union, their names in order of birth being: James, Ella, Joseph and Katie. It was in 1893 that our subject was elected to the Council for the first time and the following year

was re-elected to that position. During this time he served on the Fire and Parks Committees, and took an active part in local legislation. As Foreman of the Grand Jury and a member of the Petit Juries, his services have several times been in demand and he is well known as a true and tried Republican. A member of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., of Chapter No. 43, R. A. M., he is also affiliated with Goodwin Council No. 19, and Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T. As an Odd Fellow he is connected with Lancaster Lodge No. 67, having served in these various orders in a number of official positions. He is Past Chancellor of the Knight of Pythias Lodge, having been Representative to the Grand Lodge.



**T**HOMAS MEYRICK is Chief Engineer for the Penn Iron Company, of Lancaster, and from his boyhood manifested marked ability and genius in this line of work. He was born in Danville, Monteur County, Pa., May 26, 1850. His grandfather, who bore the same Christian name, was born in Wales, and by trade was a boiler-maker. He emigrated to America, where he remained for two years, being employed in Columbia, Lancaster County, but finally returned to his native land, where his death occurred.

Our subject's father, Thomas Meyrick, was also born in Wales and followed his father's trade. On coming to America he settled in Minersville, and afterward was Chief Engineer in Danville. In the fall of 1862 he went to Columbia, on account of losing his right foot after an accident when in charge of a locomotive going on an excursion trip. In Kingston he had charge of engines and boilers in the Edwards Coal Mines and acted as an inspector. He is a thorough and practical mechanic in all lines, and is still active though now in his seventy-fourth year. His wife, who was in her maiden days Martha Southway, was born in Monmouthshire, England, and died in Kingston, Pa.,

in 1891, when about seventy-two years of age. Of her eleven children who grew to maturity, only five are now living. Religiously the father is a member of the Episcopal Church, and politically is a Republican.

For a few years Thomas Meyrick, whose name heads this sketch, went to the common schools of Danville, but when only nine years old commenced running an engine for his father, being thus employed for about six months. Some time later he operated an engine for Groves & Bros., of the Mt. Toure Iron Works, and remained in their employ and that of their successors for about two and a-half years. Going next to Sagebrook, he occupied a like position until 1862, when he went to Columbia. For several years he was engineer for the iron manufacturers, Maltby & Case, and for some time was Chief Engineer. Afterward he was employed in the Susquehanna Rolling Mills as Chief Engineer, and while there overhauled the Columbia Fire Engine. We next find him in New York City, where for two years he was Chief Engineer for Messrs. Barnum & Weleh. From that time until 1883 he was engineer in Edwards Coal Mines at Kingston, Pa., after which he came to Lancaster and succeeded David L. Deen as Chief Engineer of the Penn Iron Works, a position he has held ever since. He has seven engines under his inspection, as many engineers, and thus a very large responsibility is reposed in him, which he is fully able to carry with fidelity. The seven engines aggregate five hundred horse-power, and though Mr. Meyrick has made many useful discoveries and applied them to his engines and machinery, he has never taken the trouble to patent any of them. He has been very fortunate in that he has never had an accident around his engines, but this is due to his extreme carefulness and fidelity to duty.

In 1869 Mr. Meyrick was married in Columbia to Annie Gilbert, who was born in that city, and whose father was known as Old Ironsides, being one of the first Constables of the place. Mr. and Mrs. Meyrick have had three children. Aaron, who is one of the engineers of the Penn Iron Works; May and Grant. The family residence is located at No. 611 East Chestnut Street. Mrs.

Meyrick is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and is a most estimable lady, who has many warm friends.

In politics our subject is a straightforward Republican. He belongs to Blue Cross Castle No. 46, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and is identified with Chickasalunga Tribe No. 39, Order of Red Men, in Columbia. He also is a member of Fulton Council No. 10, of the Order of Steam Engineers, of which he is a past officer.



**J**OHAN L. BRENNEMAN. Among the honored veterans of the late war and the respected citizens of West Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, is this worthy old settler, who comes from one of the old families of the county. For several years past he has been engaged in running a hotel in this township, and has met with a flattering measure of success in this enterprise. His paternal grandfather was an extensive farmer and distiller, owning property in Manor Township.

The father of John L. Brenneman, who bore the name of Abram, was born and grew to manhood in Manor Township, this county, and in his earlier years devoted his energies to running a woolen mill and a saw mill. His last years were passed on his farm, which he owned and operated successfully. Politically he was a Republican, and in religious faith was a Dunkard. On arriving at manhood he was married to a Miss Harnish, and of that union there was one son, Christopher, who resides in Manor Township. His second marriage was to Barbara Hertzler, and they had a family of twelve children, of whom the following are living: Abram; John L., our subject; Benjamin H., Mary and Elizabeth. The parents are both now deceased.

The subject of this sketch was born in Manor Township in 1843, and early learned farm duties on the place belonging to his father. His life



passed quite uneventfully during his youth, his time being divided between lending his assistance to his father in carrying on the homestead, and in attending the district schools of that locality. He made the best of his educational facilities, and not content with such advantages as he received in that direction, has always been a student and a great reader. When eighteen years of age he left school, and from that time forward gave his principal attention to farming. For some years he operated a place on shares, as he had no capital with which to embark in business, and during this time managed to lay by a considerable sum of money, with which he finally purchased a farm. For fifteen years subsequently he was employed in the cultivation and improvement of this piece of property, which through his efforts became very valuable. About 1881 he decided to branch out in another direction of business, becoming the owner of a hotel near Willow Street, and has found his time amply taken up with the proper management and care of the same. Travelers who find themselves in this locality are sure of good entertainment and home comforts in this hostelry. Everything about the place is neat and clean and the rooms are well furnished. Since becoming the owner of the hotel Mr. Brenneman has made substantial improvements, and is constantly devising new features to be added in bettering the property.

January 19, 1873, Mr. Brenneman was married to Mary L. Huber, daughter of Levi and Catherine (Keeperts) Huber. They were born in this county. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, was a Justice of the Peace and also followed surveying a number of years in this county. Mrs. Brenneman, who was born and reared to womanhood in West Lampeter Township, is a most estimable lady and worthy helpmate to her husband in every sense of the word. Two sons and two daughters have come to bless the home of this worthy couple, and in the order of birth are as follows: Elnora, Emma M., Clayton G. and Edgar L.

In 1865 Mr. Brenneman was in the service of the Government in the War of the Rebellion, and served for eleven months, having charge of the cavalry horses. Politically he is a Republican, having cast his ballot in favor of its nominees since

arriving at his majority. Being courteous and agreeable to his patrons and neighbors, he readily makes and retains friends, who esteem him very highly for the many worthy qualities which are among his characteristics.



MILLES L. DAVIS, M. D., is the medical director of St. Joseph's Hospital and President of the City Pathological Society. He has been in active practice for about a quarter of a century, and since 1882 has been a resident of Lancaster, becoming one of her leading physicians. Being a very practical man in every way, and a genius as well, he has the honor of having been the founder of the first successful crematory in the United States, this being located at Lancaster. His attention having been specially directed toward the prevention of contagious and infectious diseases, the Doctor has also designed a hospital for this class of patients, which is constructed on a simple and inexpensive system and is a departure of great merit and practical use. An honored veteran of the late war, he was all through the service and took part in many of the most important battles and engagements.

Dr. Davis was born February 6, 1845, in Huntingdon County, being a son of Henry Davis, and grew to manhood at his native place; he entered the common schools, and later attended Petersburg Academy. The war breaking out at this time he entered Company C, of the Nineteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and afterward returned to his studies in the State Normal School, at Millersville. Subsequently, in 1870, he graduated from the Bellevue Medical College in New York City, and thence he went to Rohrerstown, where he practiced for four years, and then for eight years was located in Millersville. For the past ten years he has been connected with St. Joseph's Hospital as Medical Director, and has made a great point of the prevention of diseases by sanitation. At the World's

Congress Auxiliary he presented a paper on this subject, bringing out the features of his contagious disease hospital scheme, an article of much merit, which justly won commendation. About 1884 the attention of Dr. Davis was turned to the question of erecting a crematory, and finding the one in use very unsatisfactory, devised a new plan, and under his supervision one modeled on the same was erected. In addition to this, he has made plans for other crematories and superintended their construction in Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York and smaller cities.

In the spring of 1863 Dr. Davis enlisted in Company I, Nineteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, subsequent to his three months' service in the Forty-second Pennsylvania Militia, at which time he was a member of Company B. After being mustered in at Philadelphia in the summer of 1863 he was sent to Camp Stanton, being assigned to the Grierson Cavalry Division of the Sixteenth Army Corps, who were sent in pursuit of Morgan. With his regiment he participated in battles and skirmishes innumerable at or around Cyprus Swamp, Bolivar, Guntown, Big Black, Port Gibson, Grand Gulf, Cold Water, Hurricane Creek and Oxford. Next he was sent to Little Rock, Ark., and then by way of Cape Girardeau, Mo., under Colonel Karge, to Independence, Mo., where he took part in the battle of that name. Later he was in the engagements at Marion, Greensboro, Pilot Knob, Osage and Big Blue. Returning to Memphis, he was sent to Nashville, where he arrived in time for the battle on December 12, and thence went in pursuit of Hood up the Tennessee River. In the severe fight at Hollow Tree Gap he took part in the two sabre charges made in one day. In February, 1865, the regiment was consolidated on account of reduced numbers, and embarked for New Orleans under command of Col. Frank Reeder. They were then in the south and west until mustered out, and July 25, 1865, met and defeated a detachment of Gen. Wirt Adams' command at Clinton, La. The Doctor was discharged in September, 1865, being then a Sergeant.

In Huntingdon, Pa., our subject was married March 16, 1871, to Miss Laura E. Wilson, a native of that place, and they have four living children :

Harry W. and Lizzie A., who are students at the Millersville Academy; and Laura E. and Miles L., Jr.

Dr. Davis is a man of wide education and experience, and by means of correspondence has come into contact with many of the most learned men of the times. A skillful surgeon and general practitioner, he has never neglected his private practice in his widespread studies and investigations. He is an honored member of the Lancaster City and County Medical Associations, having been President, Vice-President and Secretary of these societies at various times, and being also identified with the State Medical and the City Pathological Society at the present time, acting as President of the latter. A true blue Republican, he has served as a member of the Select Council to fill a vacancy for part of a term. Fraternally he is a Free and Accepted Mason and belongs to the Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rites. Dr. Davis is also a member of George H. Thomas Post No. 81, G. A. R., and belongs to the Linnæan Society, a scientific organization.



**A**ARON B. SHANK, whose postoffice address is West Willow Street, Lancaster County, is a well-to-do and progressive farmer of Pequea Township. For the past six years, however, he has devoted his time to the leaf tobacco business, and is meeting with good success in this industry. He comes from one of the old and honorable families of the county, where his ancestors have dwelt for several generations. His paternal grandfather, Henry Shank, who was born and reared in Pequea Township, followed agricultural pursuits and was one of the first farmers to raise tobacco in this county. Prior to the formation of the Republican party he was a Whig, and later united his influence to the former organization. By his marriage with Miss Hoover he had twelve children, namely: John, Henry, Tobias, Jacob and Isaac (twins), Reuben, Samuel, Benja-

min, Mary (Mrs. Bowers), Susan, Anna (Mrs. Herr) and Benjamin, the second of the name.

The father of our subject, Henry H. Shank, the second of his parents' large family, in his early days was exclusively a farmer, but subsequently became a successful merchant of Lancaster. For a long term of years he was a School Director, and before his business affairs engrossed his time so thoroughly was quite a politician and an influential Republican. For his life companion he wedded Anna Barr, and seven children came to bless their union, as follows: Aaron B.; one who died before receiving a name; Samuel B.; Henry H.; Josiah, deceased; David, a practicing physician, and Alpheus.

The birth of Aaron B. Shank took place on his father's farm in Pequea Township in 1840. He received his rudimentary education in the district schools of the vicinity and supplemented this with a course of training at the Lititz College, of Lititz, Pa. When he was only seventeen years old he embarked in the active business of life as an agriculturist and successfully followed that vocation for many years. In his present enterprise as a dealer in leaf tobacco, he is doing very well, and year by year is making a greater success of the undertaking than he had previously accomplished. Like all true citizens of this great Republic, he is greatly interested in educational affairs, believing that in this lies the solution of many of the great difficulties and problems menacing the country. For that reason he has endeavored in his capacity as School Director to obtain for the benefit of the rising generations well qualified teachers and modernly equipped schools. For fifteen years he has acted as a School Director, being relied upon by his friends and neighbors as one who has given much study and thought to the question.

On the 8th of January, 1863, a marriage was celebrated in Pequea Township at the home of the bride's parents, Miss Anna Snaveley becoming the wife of our subject. A son and two daughters have blessed their union, the eldest being Benjamin S., and the daughters Lizzie and Ida. Their parents have given them good educational advantages in every direction and they are highly esteemed young people in the social circles of their

neighborhood. In his political affiliation Mr. Shank is an ally of the Republican party, as was his father before him. As a result of his industrious habits and correct business principles he has succeeded in making a good livelihood for his family and is steadily acquiring a competency for the support of his declining years.



**W**ILLIAM WOHLSEN, a successful merchant and commercial man of Lancaster, is proprietor of the Wohlsein Planing Mill on Mulberry Street. He has fine property, a large and paying business, and has been very successful during his business dealings in this place, which have extended over a quarter of a century.

The birth of our subject occurred in Hanover, Germany, near the city of Hamburg, December 24, 1847. His father, Peter N., was born in the same place and was a brick layer by occupation. During the Revolution of 1848 he was a soldier in the service, belonging to the German Army. About 1884 he left the Fatherland and came to make his home with his son William. He is now over seventy years of age and is still hale and hearty. His wife, who was in her girlhood Catherine Oelrich, was born in Hanover and is now also making her home with our subject. They are both devoted adherents of the Lutheran Church, in the faith of which they reared their six children. Five of the number came to America and four are still living in Lancaster. Three of our subject's brothers were formerly builders and contractors, but one of them died in 1893.

William Wohlsein was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade when sixteen years of age and followed that calling until starting for America. He was the first one of his family to set forth to make his fortunes in a new land among strangers. He took passage on the steamship "Cimbria" from Hamburg to New York City. He came almost direct to this city, where he arrived September 16,

1867, and for a year worked as a carpenter for Adolph Bash. For some time thereafter he was employed by different parties, and finally, in 1871, started in business for himself and continued in this line for just twenty years. Since 1891 he has given his attention to running his mill and to the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds. He built a number of schoolhouses and store buildings, besides residences. The last of his efforts in this direction were the Morning News Building, which he erected for B. J. McGran, and the store of J. G. Haas, on East Orange Street. In 1884 he bought the planing mill of F. O. Sturgis, has enlarged the building nearly twice over and now has a space 60x110 feet and two stories and basement in height. The factory is equipped with an engine of sixty horse-power and improved modern machinery. Employment is afforded to about fifty men and his trade is steadily increasing. Mr. Wohlsen owns one hundred and sixty-eight feet frontage on North Mulberry Street, the numbers running from 405 to 419, inclusive. He holds stock in the Edison Electric Light Company and is a Director in the People's Building, Loan and Deposit Company of Chicago.

August 1, 1869, Mr. Wohlsen was married in this city to Catherine Klenc, who is a native of the same locality as her husband. To them have been born ten children: Mary, wife of D. Stuart Griffiths, Clerk in the Fulton National Bank; Annie; Harry, who is in business with his father; William, John, Catherine, Clarence and Frank. Minnie and Emma died when young.

In educational affairs Mr. Wohlsen has always taken great interest, and in 1885 was elected a School Director from the Ninth Ward. He has been re-elected and is now serving his fourth term. He has acted on different committees, those which have had in charge the night schools, furniture, supplies, etc. Fraternally he belongs to Lancaster Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.; Lancaster Chapter No. 43, R. A. M.; the Council, and Commandery No. 13, K. T., Lodge of Perfection. In 1868 he joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is now a member of Hebel Lodge. He has passed all the chairs in the society of the Seven Wise Men and is one of the Red Jacket Tribe No. 44, Order of

Red Men. In Zion's Lutheran Church he is now serving as President of the Council. In political affairs he is always found on the side of the Republican party.



**H**ENRY LIVELY, who is a first class bookkeeper and accountant, residing at Lancaster, was born October 29, 1811. He is a son of Mathias Lively, born in Wurtemberg, Germany. The original family name was Laupplan. He married his first wife in Germany, and emigrated to America, where she died, after which he married his second wife. He followed shoemaking and farming for a livelihood, departing this life about 1869, aged eighty-four years and six months. Politically he was a Republican, and in church matters was a Lutheran.

Our subject's mother's maiden name was Barbara Geist, a native of Strasburg, Pa.; she died in 1868, aged sixty-nine years. By our subject's father's first marriage, there were three children, all of whom grew to majority, but are now deceased. By his second marriage he reared a large family of children, only two of whom survive, our subject being the younger. He was reared in Lancaster, obtaining a liberal education in the public and high schools, and at the age of fourteen commenced to learn the dry-goods business with B. B. Marton & Co. He is a graduate of the Lancaster Commercial College, from which institution he graduated in 1861, after which he was employed as dry goods clerk and bookkeeper, and was engaged for twenty-one years in the dry goods house of J. M. Long on North Queen Street, which business he had charge of for many years, and kept four complete sets of books. At the death of Mr. Long, the business was closed out and our subject was made Trustee for the Hamilton estate, which Mr. Long has handled during his life time. In 1882 he became agent and bookkeeper for Swift's Dressed Beef Packing Company, which

place he held about nine months, and in 1885 became Register Clerk in the Postoffice under H. E. Slaymaker. He resigned his Postoffice position and accepted one as head bookkeeper and soon afterward became Superintendent and Secretary of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company. He is an expert bookkeeper and accountant, and has had much to do in that line in and about Lancaster.

In 1864 he was married at Lancaster to Miss Amanda Stetler, a native of Norristown, Pa. By this union four children were born, Emma B., now Mrs. John M. Davidson, of Lancaster; Nellie L., Mrs. George McBain, of Roanoke, Va., a dry goods dealer; Howard L., an electrician, now engaged in the electric business for himself at No. 136 North Prince Street; and Edward A., also in the electric business with his brother. Our subject is a worthy member of the Odd Fellows' order and belongs to St. James' Episcopal Church. Politically he casts his vote for the man that he deems most fit for the office, irrespective of party.



**D**ANIEL H. GRUBE, or "Dan," as he is familiarly called by his many friends, is a well known and popular business man of Lancaster; he is the late proprietor of the Hiesler House, and is now living retired. One of the native sons of this county, whose birth occurred in Conovan Township, July 21, 1845, he comes from one of the old and respected families of Pennsylvania. His great-grandfather on the paternal side was a lad of only nine years when he came to this region from Switzerland with his parents, who were Mennonites religiously. Our subject's grandfather, Peter Grube, and also his father, John, were natives of Dauphin County, and farmers by occupation. Our subject's father located in East Earl Township, where he was married, and later removed to Conovan Township, there operating a farm of seventy-four acres until his death. Like his ancestors he belonged to the

Mennonite Church, and was a Republican in politics, serving as a School Director at one time. His wife, Elizabeth (Houder) Grube, came from an old county family, and was born in Salisbury Township. Her uncle was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, and some of her uncles took part in the War of 1812.

Daniel H. Grube is one of twelve children, seven of whom are living. One of his brothers, Martin, was in the Second Connecticut Regiment, in which he enlisted when only sixteen years of age, and while in the service received a nearly fatal wound through the body. He is now a resident of Blue Ball, East Earl Township, there running a hotel, and engaging in the packing and handling of tobacco. Our subject received common school advantages, and assisted in carrying on the homestead. Fired by patriotic enthusiasm, he enlisted in the service, but his father brought him back, and again in May, 1863, he determined to enter the army, and was accordingly assigned to Company G, Fiftieth Pennsylvania Militia, being mustered out in the fall of that year. Returning, he took charge of the farm, which he carried on until the spring of 1878, raising tobacco and live stock to quite an extent.

In 1878 Mr. Grube went to Mechanicsburg, becoming proprietor of the Mechanicsburg Hotel, which he ran for about a year, and afterwards for five years was proprietor of the New Holland House, and for two years of that time also ran the Starr House. Having been very successful in this venture, he next took charge of the Styer Hotel and remained there for five years, or until 1891, when he came to Lancaster, buying out Joe Bornetz, of the Hiesler House. His lease on the same expired in April, 1894, and since that time he has been retired from active business.

In Churchtown, September 29, 1864, was celebrated the marriage of Daniel Grube and Miss Labora Bickham, a native of that village, and two of their children lived to maturity, Louisa, Mrs. Hull, who resides with her father, and Alice. The mother was called from the shores of time September 25, 1893.

In civic societies our subject has been much interested, belonging to the lodge of the Free

& Accepted Masons of Birdsborough, of which he is past Master; of Chapter No. 43, R. A. M.; of Council No. 19; Commandery No. 13, K. T., of Lancaster, and Perfection Consistory, Thirty-second Degree, of Philadelphia. As a Grand Army man he is past Commander of Admiral Reynolds Post No. 405, and is an Odd Fellow, a member of the lodge at New Holland, and the Encampment. Mr. Grube is also identified with the Order of Elks, and March 23, 1894, was a delegate to the Philadelphia Encampment of the Grand Army. In politics he is a staunch and true Republican.



**A**NDREW R. BYERLY, A. M., PH. D., is a member of the faculty of the Millersville Normal, and one of the finest scholars of Lancaster County. He is well liked by all who know him, students and professors alike, and he had the honor of delivering the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating Class of '94. He is a gentleman of wide research and deep thought, who by the years of arduous study he has devoted to the various branches in which he is interested, has become an authority on these subjects. He is of German descent, his paternal grandfather, Andrew, having been the son of a German, who with a colony of about three thousand came to this country from the Fatherland, settling in Westmoreland County at a very early day. The grandfather owned a large tract of land in Westmoreland County, and at the time of his death left large farms to each of his sons and daughters. He was a Democrat and held a number of offices in the county; one of his uncles, Andrew, was a patriot of the French and Indian War. By his wife, Christiana, he had five children; among them being Jacob and Andrew, and his death occurred when he was over ninety years of age.

Dr. Byerly was born July 6, 1833, in North Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County, be-

ing a son of Adam and Mary (Finley) Byerly. The former, a native of the same county, spent his entire life there, and cultivated the large farm of which he was the owner. He was first a Whig and later a Republican, and served as Supervisor and in other local offices. In religion he was a devoted adherent of the Presbyterian faith and was a man who was highly respected by all. His family comprised six sons and seven daughters, namely: Jane, wife of Robert Hannah; Sarah, who married Nathan Wiley; William F.; Mary, Mrs. James S. Guffy; Rebecca R., wife of John Greenawalt; Martha, deceased; Jacob R.; John, who died in infancy; Dr. Andrew R.; Christina, who died in girlhood; Adam, James C., and Eliza Bray, Mrs. Thomas Peden. The father of this family died when over eighty years of age.

Dr. Byerly received a common school education in North Huntingdon Township, and afterwards attended the Merrittstown Academy in Union County. Subsequently he was a student in Jefferson College, and in 1858 was a member of the first class to graduate from Millersville Normal School in the Scientific Department. He was immediately made a member of the faculty of his Alma Mater, and has remained in connection with it ever since, having taught mainly in the Classical Department, which has recently been abandoned, and took his students as far in their studies as do many of the colleges. Of late the Doctor has devoted his time and attention to teaching Greek and Latin and bears the honor of being the oldest member of the faculty. A man of genuine but unassuming worth, his students are always his friends, and they never forget the genial and kindly Dr. Byerly.

In August, 1862, the Doctor raised a company in and near Lancaster with Judge Fell and Daniel H. Herr. This company became known as Company E. and the Doctor was made its Captain, Mr. Herr being First Lieutenant. Judge Fell, who was then a student in the Normal of Millersville, was made Second Lieutenant of the company, which was mustered in at Lancaster, and served in the Third Army Corps of the Potomac. They took part in the battles of Fredericksburg, Monmouth, Chancellorsville and numerous other skirmishes

and engagements, being mustered out on the expiration of their term of enlistment at Harrisburg. Dr. Byerly is a Republican and a member of the George H. Thomas Post No. 84, G. A. R., of Lancaster.

May 20, 1863, Dr. Byerly married Annie E. Hershey, daughter of John H. Hershey, of Lancaster County. They have had a family of eight children: John, a graduate of the Millersville Normal and now at Chester, Delaware County, Pa.; Mary and Alice, who died in childhood; Martha M., a teacher and graduate of the Millersville Normal; James W., who was drowned while bathing in the Susquehanna River in 1890; Paul R., Robert C. and Ethel. Dr. Byerly and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church at Lancaster, in which the former is a Ruling Elder.



**B**ENJAMIN B. MYLIN is one of the thrifty and well-to-do farmers of West Lampeter Township, Lancaster County. He is a very active Republican, and has at different times served in public capacities, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. Personally he bears a high reputation for honorable and upright dealings with his fellow-men, and is always found in the front ranks in works of improvement and public benefit.

Our subject comes from one of the old and respected families of this locality, and his paternal grandfather, who bore the Christian name of Martin, formerly owned and cultivated the farm which is now in the possession of our subject. During nearly all of his life he followed agricultural pursuits and was very successful. He married Elizabeth Buckwalter, by whom he had a family comprising seven children, Daniel, Benjamin, Abram, Martin, Elizabeth, Betsy, and Mary, who married a Mr. Haverstick. Elizabeth became the wife of

Benjamin Buckwalter. Martin Mylin lived to a good old age, his death occurring in 1812, when he was in his seventy-fifth year.

Daniel Mylin, the father of our subject, was reared on the old homestead, now in the possession of his son, and in addition to general farming, has made a specialty of raising and dealing in fine blooded stock. He was a very active Republican, was much interested in educational affairs, and several times was elected to serve as School Director of this township. By his marriage with Elizabeth Hess he had a family of four children, in order of birth as follows: Fannie, Benjamin B., Elizabeth and Mary. The mother of these children was a daughter of Henry Hess, a wealthy and influential citizen of Lancaster County.

Benjamin B. Mylin obtained his primary education in the schools of West Lampeter Township, which was supplemented by a term of three months at the Mt. Joy Academy, of Mt. Joy, this state. His first active employment in life was on the farm where he was born, and which has since been the scene of his labor. This property was purchased from William Penn about 1636, by the ancestors of the Alder family; as it now stands there are about ninety acres within its boundaries and the farm is considered one of the best in the township. Our subject has recently purchased of A. S. Mylin one hundred and two acres of land that was purchased of William Penn about the year 1636; it had never changed hands since the purchase of Penn till September 26, 1891, the property having been handed down from one generation to another. It is especially adapted to the raising of fine stock, and the owner gives considerable of his time and attention to this branch of business. The farm is well improved, having good fences and substantial buildings. A deep well and small creek give abundance of water for stock and other purposes, and on the place are a fine orchard, numbers of beautiful shade trees and everything necessary for the comfort and convenience of the family. Mr. Mylin is a practical and thorough agriculturist, who gives his personal attention to every detail of farm work, and takes great pride in keeping everything in the best repair.

In 1857 Mr. Mylin was married to Miss Mary

Good, and of their union have been born three children, namely: Lizzie G., D. Clayton and Emlin B. The parents have long been members of the German Reformed Church, and active workers in the organization. As previously mentioned, Mr. Mylin has been active in local political affairs, has been several times a School Director, and for one term served as Township Supervisor.



**J**OHAN E. SCHUM is a member of the famous old house known as Philip Schum, Son & Co., of Lancaster, which was established in 1856, and since that time has been engaged in the manufacture of quilts, counterpanes, coverlets, blankets, carpets, etc. The firm do a large and successful business, and have a reputation the country over for the finest quality of goods in their line, their trade, which is continually enlarging, covering almost every section of the Union.

John E. Schum was born in this city, August 10, 1846, being a son of Philip, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, who came to this country in his young manhood and here learned the weaver's trade. He established the present important house in 1856, being first engaged in weaving quilts and blankets; in time the manufacture of carpets and similar goods was begun, and later the dyeing department became one of its best features. In 1874 the enterprising founder added the coal business to his other enterprises and succeeded beyond his expectations in his ventures, becoming quite well-to-do. With his second wife he was riding across the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks July 9, 1880, and they were accidentally killed, he being then in his sixty-fourth year. For many years prior to his death he was active in the work of the Evangelical Church, and in politics he was a stalwart Republican. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Anna Margaret Bond, and her birth occurred in Hesse-Darmstadt. Her father,

John Bond, a native of Germany, was a school teacher, and later became a minister in the Lutheran Church, in which field he is still laboring. Mrs. Anna Margaret Schum died February 1, 1878, and of her nine children who grew to maturity only six are now living. The second son, William, was in the Regular United States Army, being a member of Company B, Fourth United States Infantry, and died after he left the service.

John E. Schum was reared in Lancaster, attending the excellent public schools of this city, and then for three terms was a student in the Union Seminary at New Berlin, Pa., after which he graduated from a commercial college in Philadelphia. With his father he learned the business of weaving and kept the books of the company during his vacations. For his own satisfaction he made a study of the German language, and was equally conversant with German and English. In the year 1863 our subject enlisted as a private in Company I, Fiftieth Pennsylvania Infantry, being mustered in at Harrisburg, in response to the emergency call, and served at Gettysburg and along the Potomac River. On his return Mr. Schum went to Washington, D. C., and entered the Government employ as a member of the Home Guard. In 1864, on the invasion of the Capitol by the rebels, he took up arms against the enemy, guarding the Government Flour Mills on the Potomac on the night of April 5, 1865, when Lincoln was assassinated. In 1878 John E. Schum became a partner with his father, and in time Charles Holzworth was admitted to the business. The partners both thoroughly understand the business in which they are engaged, and their trade is rapidly growing in each of its several departments. The premises they occupy are central and extensive, the machinery used is modern, and they furnish employment to a large number of skilled workmen. In addition to this the firm owns a woolen mill at New Milltown, modernly equipped mills, with good water power.

In Lancaster in 1867 Mr. Schum married Miss Mary J. Hillis, a native of this county, and daughter of Hugh Hillis, who is engaged in the boot and shoe business in Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Schum have a pleasant home at No. 311 South



Prince Street; it is gladdened by the presence of their four children, Lois Alma, Carroll A., Clifford L. and Claudius M.

For some five or six years Mr. Schum has served as a member of the Town Council from the Fourth Ward, having been elected on the Republican ticket, and for four years was a member of the Select Council from the same ward, serving on all important committees, and for four years was Chairman of the Fire Committee. He is a member of Monterey Lodge No. 242, I. O. O. F.; is a Knight of Pythias and a member of Blue Cross Castle No. 16, Order of the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is President and Past Officer of Lodge No. 108, B. U. H. F., of which he is also Treasurer. Mr. Schum is identified with, and is also numbered among the members of Reynolds Post No. 405, G. A. R., having been a delegate and representative to the Encampment at Philadelphia and many other places, and at present is Trustee of his post. Active in the work of the church, our subject holds membership with St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Congregation; he is President of the Board of Trustees and conducts a large Bible class. In politics he is a Republican in the truest and best sense, and in every possible manner assists in the upbuilding and prosperity of this city.



**R**EBUBEN SMITH OSTER & BRO. come of one of the very oldest and most respected families of Lancaster County, and are progressive business men. They are engaged in general blacksmith work, in paving and in artificial stone work, in the successful accomplishment of which they have acquired a very favorable reputation.

Reuben Smith Oster was born in Lancaster, which has since been his home, June 1, 1833, being a son of William and Elizabeth (Major) Oster. Both parents and both grandfathers of our subject

were also natives of this city. William Oster, the paternal grandfather, was a shoemaker by trade and carried on a shop, doing custom work. During the War of 1812 he took up arms in the defense of his country, and was a noteworthy citizen. His father, Henry Oster, was also born in this city, on Mulberry Street, before the Revolutionary War, in which he participated. He was of German descent, a shoemaker by trade and a member of the Lutheran Church. The maternal grandfather, Jesse Major, whose birth occurred in Lancaster, passed his entire life here, engaged in the latter's and furrier's business. He married a Miss Anthony, and his ancestors were Scotch.

Our subject's father, William Oster, was a blacksmith, and carried on his business by the side of the one run by his sons. His death occurred in 1872, at the age of sixty-one years, while his wife died in 1855, aged forty-two years. The mother of William Oster was a daughter of Wilhelm Smith, who was one of the Hessian soldiers in the Revolutionary War. He was taken prisoner at Trenton and was brought to Lancaster, being held for four years in bondage, and serving for a Mr. Crough in the tanning business; after his release he followed his trade as a shoemaker. William and Elizabeth Oster became the parents of nine children, eight of whom grew to mature years, and Reuben S. is the eldest of the family. Henry A. was in the Civil War, in the Pennsylvania Reserves, and is now a blacksmith in this state; Mary A. is the wife of John Evans, of Middletown, Pa.; Elizabeth is Mrs. Francisco, of this city; Margaret, Mrs. Cheney, also makes her home in this place; Catherine is the wife of James Fulton, of Baltimore; William Major is in partnership with his eldest brother, and Jacob is foreman in a blacksmith shop in Philadelphia.

Reuben Smith Oster received a common school education in this city, afterward attending the Philadelphia Central High School from 1844 to 1850. On his return to this city he served an apprenticeship with Andrew McGinnies for four years and became a practical workman. For a time he worked at journeyman wages, and in 1857 started a shop with his father on the location of the present business. In August, 1861, he volunteered in the Government service, being placed in the Quar-

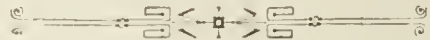
termaster's department as blacksmith, and followed the Army of the Potomac, his work being mainly on wagons. At the end of four months he returned home and continued in business. The shop was removed in 1862 and a specialty was made of building railroad cars for individual firms until the father's death in 1872, when our subject took his brother William into partnership. They formerly manufactured railroad tools and cars until crowded out by the larger manufacturers. Of late years the firm have drifted into other business ventures and have been quite successful in placing granite curbing, crossing stones, steps and sills, Belgium and Asphalt block, cement and artificial stone work, cellar floors, etc. They employ from twenty-five to forty-five hands, doing much work in the city, and also in the adjoining counties. The cement used in their work is all imported from England and Germany, the stone from Ft. Deposit and Hudson, and the curbing from Maine and Cape May. The office of the firm is at No. 324 North Prince Street.

Formerly a Whig, Mr. Oster is now a staunch Republican and was a member of the City Board of Water Commissioners when the new water works were built. He is a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F.; Washington Encampment No. 11, and the Odd Fellows' Endowment Association of Allegheny City. He is a member of the Order of Red Men and the Senior Order of United American Mechanics, belonging to Conestoga Council No. 8, in which he has been an officer three times, and is a member of Lodge No. 68, K. of P. Religiously Mr. Oster holds membership with St. John's Lutheran Church. His substantial home is at No. 435 North Water Street.

William M. Oster, junior member of the firm of R. S. Oster & Bro., was born in Philadelphia, February 18, 1848. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Lancaster, and in 1862 he commenced learning the blacksmith's trade with his father. Subsequently he was in the Lancaster Locomotive Works, and when they were completed worked for some time for the Philadelphia & Columbia Railroad. Later he returned to work for his father and brother, and in 1872 became a member of the firm. In 1876 young

William became chief mailing clerk in the Post-office under James H. Marshall, continuing until the change of administration. Since that time he has been engaged in business with his brother, and has shown that he is a young man of good ability.

September 19, 1872, William Oster married Miss Harriet Witmeyer, who was born in Manheim Township, and whose father, Frederick, was a tinsmith there. Mr. and Mrs. Oster have five children: Reuben S., a graduate of the high school and a bookkeeper with Osborn & Hartman; Stella W., also a graduate of the high school and now engaged in teaching school in this city; William Ward, a member of the Class of '95 in the high school; Nellie and Mary. The home of the family is at No. 520 North Duke Street and they attend St. John's Lutheran Church. Mr. Oster is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Monterey Lodge No. 242, and Washington Encampment No. 11. Besides these he is associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' Endowment Society of Allegheny City.



**F**REDRICK ENGLE was born in Lancaster on the 11th of July, 1835. His father, Martin M., was a cabinet-maker and wood carver by trade, and established a business of his own, married and died in early life. Our subject's grandmother, whose maiden name was Catherine Anne, was a native of Lancaster and her father's name was Conrad Anne; the latter located in Lancaster and followed farming. Conrad Anne's wife was the daughter of John Stockslagel, who settled at Lancaster and reared a large family of children. Six or seven of their sons fought in the Revolutionary War. Our subject's mother died at the age of sixty-five years, having reared four children, our subject being the eldest, and the only one who still survives.

Mr. Engle received a common school education, and worked in the cotton mills until seventeen





JACOB L. FREY.

years of age, at which time he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a moulder, after which he went to New Orleans, and in 1857 worked at his trade in that city about six months; he then returned to Lancaster, where he pursued his trade until 1861, when he enlisted in the Tenth Pennsylvania Infantry as a member of Company E. He served in the three months' call, after which he re-enlisted in the Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry as a member of Company K. He served three years and participated in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged. He was mustered out as Sergeant after a four years' service for his country. During the whole time of the Civil War he was never sick or wounded and made an excellent soldier. At the close of the great strife between the north and the south, he worked in the navy yard at Philadelphia until he was retired under Andrew Johnson, when he returned to Lancaster. He was variously engaged until 1871, when he engaged in the bottling business on Rockland Street. He subsequently built two residences and purchased the bottling works of John Casper, the oldest bottler of the city, which business he has greatly extended and made very successful. He bottles mineral water, ale, etc., and runs four wagons throughout Lancaster County.

In 1886 he purchased a thirty-three acre tract at the foot of South Prince Street, which has proven a valuable property. Another one of our subject's enterprises was the erection of a large hotel known as Engleside Hotel, which he rents. In 1893, the Citizens Electric Light Works were organized and he became a stockholder. He also owns a gristmill, provided with water-power and gas, producing about thirty horse-power.

Our subject was married at Lancaster to Elizabeth Suter, a native of the same place and the daughter of Rudolph Suter, a shoemaker by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Engle have had five interesting children: Rudolph, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Katie, at home; Fred, in charge of the bottling works; Godfred, attending a horological institute, and Lewis, at home.

Our subject is a worthy member of Perfection Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., and also belongs to the Odd Fellows. He is numbered among the old

veterans of the late war, and belongs to George H. Thomas Post No. 84, G. A. R. Politically he is a Republican, and in religious matters is identified with the Reformed Church.



JACOB L. FREY is the oldest leaf tobacco dealer in the city of Lancaster, and through his untiring industry and good business qualifications has accumulated a handsome competency. Of his early life it may be said that he was born in Lancaster July 29, 1825. His father and grandfather, both of whom bore the name of Jacob, were also born in this locality, and the latter was among the early general dealers and owned valuable property on West King Street. At one time they kept a large wholesale establishment, the goods for which were freighted in by Conestoga wagons, as this was long prior to the advent of railroads. The family is of German origin, Grandfather Frey having emigrated with a brother from Germany and settled in Lancaster County. In religious belief he was a member of the German Reformed Church.

Our subject's father was a volunteer in the War of 1812, but his company being already made up, he was never in active service. Later he engaged in general merchandising on West King Street and followed the retail business until his death, in 1869, at which time he was seventy-seven years of age. When the Pennsylvania Railroad belonged to the state he was the accountant for that great highway system. He was a member of the Common Council for a number of years, and in whatever position he was placed, always acquitted himself manfully. In religious matters he was an adherent to the German Reformed Church.

Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Maria Haverstick, was born in Lancaster County, and was the daughter of William Haverstick, a native of Philadelphia. She died in 1876, aged

eighty-two years. By her marriage to Jacob Frey the following nine children were born and reared: Catherine, widow of Jacob King, and a resident of Lancaster; William H., residing in Milltown, N. J.; Annie, the widow of Isaac Diller; Jacob L., the subject of this sketch; Amanda, who is the widow of Jacob Roth and resides at Marietta; Maria, Mrs. John B. Markley, of Lancaster; Emiline, Mrs. John D. Skiles, of Lancaster; James B., who died in March, 1894; and Adaline, wife of Dr. Fred Gast, of Lancaster.

Within the environments of his native city our subject spent his early life attending the public schools and a private school, also assisting his parents. When a mere boy he commenced clerking in his father's store, learning the business in all its details, and at the age of nineteen years he engaged in the manufacture of cigars on his own account, beginning in a small way, and has been constantly engaged in the tobacco business since 1854. As early as 1846 he took the first three cases ever sent from Lancaster County to New York City, and followed that line of work from time to time. He manufactured cigars until 1884, and had in his employ as many as forty men at one time. He took out the first license for the manufacture of cigars in his county, as well as the first in the Ninth District of Pennsylvania. He built a large warehouse and factory, and not infrequently packed fifteen hundred cases per annum. Within the corporation of Lancaster he owns a twenty-five acre tract which is constantly being improved for city property purposes. His residence at Nos. 213-215 West King Street is on the site of the old homestead, erected about 1827.

July 28, 1851, in the above mentioned residence, long since gray with age, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Hanum, a native of Lancaster. Her father, Joseph Hanum, was born in Germany, but came to Lancaster at an early day and was engaged in the bakery business on West King Street. By this union the following named children were born: Mrs. Cecelia Frey, of Lancaster County; William, who died in boyhood; Mrs. Mary Rathbon, of Danville, Va.; Mrs. Annie Voorhees, of Milltown, N. J.; Emma, Mrs. Shaeffer, who died in Lancaster; Charles H., a boot and shoe dealer of

Lancaster; William D., associated with our subject; Ella, James F. and Lillie, at home.

Politically Mr. Frey has always affiliated with the Democratic party and served two terms in the Common Council from the First Ward in Lancaster, being elected on the Democratic ticket, notwithstanding the fact that the ward was Republican. He is a consistent member of St. Paul's Reformed Church and stands high in the community in which he lives. In looking back over the years of a well spent life, he has the satisfaction of knowing that he has in a measure succeeded in reaching the ambition of his youthful days. As he approaches the sundown of life, he is gradually retiring from active business and will from this time on give his attention to his real estate interests.



SAMUEL M. MYLIN has devoted his life almost entirely to farming, and with the result that he is now numbered among the most progressive agriculturists of Pequea Township. He is highly esteemed by his friends and neighbors, who have frequently called upon him to serve in public affairs. Like a true patriot and good citizen, the cause of education finds in him a friend, and for one term he served as a School Director. For a period of over twenty years, he has officiated in the capacity of Justice of the Peace, and his honorable and upright methods in all the walks of life have gained for him much praise.

Abram Mylin, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born July 30, 1775, in West Lampeter Township. Like his descendants, he was a farmer, following that occupation for many years upon the property owned by John B. Mylin, in West Lampeter Township. His son, Abram B., the father of Samuel M. Mylin, passed the main part of his life in Pequea Township, and from his early years was a farmer. On arriving at manhood, he chose for his wife Miss Elizabeth Myers. Of

their marriage three sons were born: Samuel M., Franklin; and Abram, whose death occurred on the 15th of March, 1878. The father was a devoted member of the Old Mennonite Church, and was a very honorable and worthy man in every respect. Politically he was a Whig, and was actively interested in his party affairs. His fellow-townsmen elected him Supervisor at two different times, and he acquitted himself in a most creditable manner of all the duties devolving upon him in that capacity. As a supporter of educational affairs he is zealous, and as far as possible lends his assistance to progress in this direction. For four terms he served as School Director, and was always in favor of obtaining the best teachers possible and in giving the children good advantages.

The birth of Samuel M. Mylin occurred November 30, 1841, in Pequea Township, and his early years were passed upon his father's farm. Until attaining his sixteenth year, he was a student in the common school of the neighborhood during the winter seasons, and was of great assistance to his father in general farm work. Under the practical training of the latter, he became conversant with every department of agriculture, and this knowledge has proved most valuable to him in his later years. The farm which he owns and cultivates at the present time contains fifty acres, which is well improved with good fences, barns and outbuildings.

The pleasant and thrifty home of Mr. Mylin is presided over by his estimable wife, who was formerly Miss Mary A. Breneman, to whom he was married in November, 1870. Three sons and four daughters have come to bless their union, and in the order of birth are as follows: Anna L., Christian B., Martha, Samuel, Frances, Martin and Alice. Their parents are giving them good educational advantages, and the family are highly respected and well thought of by their friends and neighbors.

Mr. Mylin uses his right of franchise in the support of Republican principles and nominees, taking a very active and interested part in local and National politics. He is a strong believer in the idea of protection for American industries, and is a man who is well informed on the general and current affairs of the day. He takes the leading

local newspapers and periodicals, thus keeping fully abreast of the times in matters of moment and progress.



**H**ARRY BRIMMER, who, in company with his brother, John F., is carrying on the business of a liveryman in Lancaster, is a shrewd business man and is making a success of his enterprise. He is honorable in his dealings with his fellow-men, and is regarded with a due measure of esteem by those about him.

Frederick Brimmer, the father of our subject, was born in Germany, and emigrated for the New World when a lad of fourteen years. His father, George Brimmer, was also born in the Fatherland, and came with his family to the United States and spent the remainder of his life in Lancaster. The father of our subject was reared on a farm, and when old enough apprenticed himself to learn the trade of a baker, after which he established himself in business on Water Street in this city, and later on North Queen Street.

In 1872 Frederick Brimmer abandoned the occupation of a baker and started in the livery business, building up a good patronage and conducting the business until his decease in 1887. He was a member of the Common Council from the Sixth Ward on one occasion, and was ever found to be true to the duties and responsibilities imposed upon him in that official position. He was a devoted member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, in which he was Elder for some time. He was married to Miss Christine Poist, also a native of the Fatherland, who came to America with her father, Peter Poist. She died in 1861.

The parental family of our subject included nine children, only three of whom grew to mature years, and two are now living. On the death of his first wife Frederick Brimmer was married to Harriet Lively, of Philadelphia, who is still living in Lancaster. C. Harry, of this sketch, was the eldest of the family, and his brother John F. is en-

gaged in business with him. The latter is also engaged in dealing in leaf tobacco, which is found to be a very profitable business in this state.

Our subject was born in Lancaster, November 4, 1853, and was educated in the common and high schools of the city. Completing his education at the age of fifteen years, young Brimmer learned the baker's trade under his father, working with him until the latter quit the business, when he carried on the bakery alone for two years. At the end of that time he sold out and engaged with his father in the livery business, being his clerk and the manager of the office. On his death, he succeeded to the business in company with his brother. The stable is located at No. 153 North Queen Street, and occupies a space 35x245 feet in size. The first floor is occupied by the horses' stalls, the second floor is used for storing carriages, and the third for sleighs. They have in their barn about fifty head of horses and a splendid assortment of all kinds of rigs.

The original of this sketch was married in 1876 to Miss Margie, daughter of Benjamin Henwood, a shoe manufacturer of this city. To them have been born five children, Howard, Daisy, Charles, Mary and Clarence, the two latter being twins. The family occupy a comfortable residence at No. 145 East Chestnut Street. In social affairs Mr. Brimmer is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and in religious affairs belongs to St. Paul's Reformed Church.



**S**TEVEN J. OWENS, ex-City Treasurer of Lancaster, now an extensive dealer in pianos and organs, will form the subject of this notice. Of his early career it may be said that he was born in Uniontown, Carroll County, Md., September 22, 1850, and is the son of Rev. John C. Owens, a native of Cecil County, Md. Grandfather Owens was a farmer of the same state, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. In the true sense of the word, our subject's father was a self-made man; in religious matters he was a Methodist, and

later in life preached for the Church of God. In 1862 he removed to Mt. Joy, where he became pastor of that church, and subsequently preached at numerous places, including Altoona and Lancaster. He retired from the ministry in 1878 and died in 1882, aged seventy-seven years.

Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Nancy Miller, was a native of Smithville, Lancaster County, Pa. The Millers were farmers by occupation, and were of German descent. The mother still lives with our subject, having attained the advanced age of eighty-one years. There were two children in the family, our subject, Steven J., and Jennie E., now Mrs. Luchenbach, of Lancaster.

Steven J. Owens spent his youthful days at various places attending the public schools until reaching the age of thirteen years, soon after which he learned telegraphy at Mt. Joy. At the age of fourteen he was placed in charge of a station at that point, and continued with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Harrisburg, Littletown, Elizabethtown and other points until 1881, when he located at Lancaster in the grocery and fruit trade, which line he followed for two years. He then embarked in the music business, locating at No. 24 North Queen Street in a building 15x90 feet in dimensions, in which he carried a large stock of the best makes of pianos and organs.

December 12, 1876, marked a new era in this man's life, for upon that day he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Greider, a native of Lancaster County, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Greider, of Mt. Joy. Two children bless this union: Lulu and Paul. Politically our subject affiliates with the Democratic party, and among the local offices he has held may be mentioned that of member of the School Board from the Sixth Ward, which position he held for three years. In 1892 he was elected by the City Council as Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes for Lancaster; this position was unsolicited upon his part. Through his hands passed \$450,000 during that year.

Socially Mr. Owens is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., as well as to Perfection Lodge, Sixteenth Degree. He is an acceptable member of the Church of God; has held official positions in the church,



and was Superintendent of the Sunday-school for six years. Our subject's residence at No. 601 North Duke Street is a handsome property, and everything about the premises gives evidence that both himself and his wife are intelligent people, who have thus far made life a success both socially and financially.



JACOB S. SMITH, Keeper of the Lancaster County Prison, has made a good record while serving in that important position, and never during his experience as such has a prisoner made his escape, which has not formerly been the case. For nine years he was Assistant Keeper, and at the end of his present term he will have served a like period of time as sole Superintendent. He is an indefatigable worker, and sees to the improvement of the grounds surrounding the prison, which bear marks of his ability as a landscape gardener.

Jacob Smith was born in New Holland, Earl Township, of this county, February 10, 1828, and his father, William, a native of Maryland, was a shoemaker by occupation, and after his removal to New Holland served for one term as Constable. His death occurred there about 1877, at the age of eighty-four years. He was of English descent, and up to the time of his death was a very active man. His wife, Mary, was born in Earl Township, being the daughter of Jacob Sheffer, also a native of the same township, who followed farming. Mrs. Smith, who became the mother of six children, of whom four survive, died when about sixty-nine years of age. The parents were Lutherans in religious belief.

Jacob S. was reared in New Holland, receiving a common school education. He was early set to work on a farm, and learned by practical experience how to properly conduct agricultural enterprises. When sixteen years old he was apprenticed to learn the tailor's trade with Daniel Rudy, of Hinkletown. At the end of two years he

worked at various other places, and then was under instruction in Philadelphia for six months. For the year following he was in Mechanicsburg engaged in business for himself, thence went to North Holland, where he worked as a merchant tailor for twelve years for Diller, Brubaker & Co. In 1867 he received the appointment to act as underkeeper, being chosen by the Prison Board, and every year for nine years was re-appointed to serve in that capacity. In 1876 he retired and engaged in the hotel business, running the Sorrel Horse Hotel under the title of Smith & Eaby for a year. Afterwards for three years he was at the Leopard, and for a like period of time ran the County House Hotel. Buying a farm for his next venture, he kept a hotel on the Strasburg Pike three and a-half miles from the city, the property surrounding the same comprising forty acres.

In the spring of 1887 Mr. Smith was nominated as a candidate for Keeper of the Prison, and was elected in the fall of that year. In January, 1888, he took possession in his new office, faithfully performing the duties thereto for his allotted term, and in the spring of 1890 was again up for election, and received nearly all the votes of the officials. Once more, in the spring of 1893, he was one of ten persons up for nomination and won the victory, receiving a majority of three thousand two hundred and thirty-eight votes. The inmates of the prison usually number from one hundred to one hundred and fifty persons, and under the system prevalent here they are put to work at useful trades, being engaged in the manufacture of shoes, carpets, nets and stockings, besides which they make their own clothes. Mr. Smith takes great pride in the appearance of the prison grounds, and has a fine hot house. An active worker in the ranks of the Republican party, he served for one year as Township Assessor, and was for four years Tax Collector in New Holland.

A marriage was celebrated in Slaterville, March 27, 1852, by which Lavinia Setley became the wife of J. S. Smith. Both she and her father, Samuel Setley, were natives of Reading County, Pa. The latter was a brick manufacturer, who about 1840 engaged in that trade in New Holland. His wife, Margaret (Homan) Setley, was born in Reading,

and both passed away in New Holland. Mrs. Smith is the third of four living children of her father's family, and by her marriage has become the mother of four children: Belle, Mrs. Stacks, who lives with our subject; Annie, whose death occurred at the age of eighteen years in this city; Holman Strausburg, Superintendent of the coach works, and Albert, who is in the postoffice in this city. Mr. Smith is a member of Earl Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Lancaster Encampment, and is associated with the Order of Red Men. In religious faith he is a Lutheran.



**S**IMON SHISSLER, who is a cigar manufacturer, and conducts a large retail business in this line, was formerly President of the Common Council of Lancaster, and is a leading Democrat, having served for several years as Secretary of the City Democratic Committee. He is an active and enterprising business man, coming from good old German stock, to whose worthy and sterling characteristics is due almost entirely the wealth of this region.

The birth of Mr. Shissler occurred in Paradise Township, of this county, April 16, 1856, and he is a son of Jacob and Susan (Snyder) Shissler, natives of Manor Township and Strasburg, respectively. The paternal grandfather, John Shissler, came from an old family who have been residents of this county for over two hundred years, and his birth also occurred in Manor Township, where he died at a good old age. His ancestors originated in Germany and were devoted adherents of the Lutheran Church. Jacob Shissler, the father, was a cooper by trade and built the large distillery near Strasburg. In 1858, coming to Lancaster, he took charge of the cooperage shop owned by Philip Baker, and served in that capacity until his death in 1868, when he was about sixty-three years of age, his birth having occurred in 1805. On his father's side the family is long

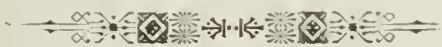
lived; our subject's grandmother was ninety-eight years old at the time of her demise. The wife of Jacob Shissler is still living in this city at the age of seventy-eight years, and is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. The father was previously married to a Miss Miller, by whom he had seven children, five of whom were sons, and four of the number participated in the Civil War. Jacob was a member of Company I, Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and met his death in the service, in which he had bravely fought for about three years. Albert, a member of the same company and regiment, was a Captain, and died while a prisoner at Andersonville. Philip and Amos were both members of the Fiftieth Pennsylvania Militia, and the former is now a resident of Strasburg, his brother also making his home near that city. The own brother and sister of Simon Shissler are, Anna, Mrs. Binkley, of Philadelphia, and Harry, of Lancaster.

From the time he was two years old our subject was reared in this city, and was only in his twelfth year at the time of his father's death. A year later he commenced an apprenticeship under John Hull, with whom he remained for three years, becoming a practical cigarmaker. Later he was a journeyman with Albright & Bros. and Metzger & Wiley until 1885. At that time he received an appointment as letter carrier in the Postoffice Department, which he served for four years. In June, 1889, Mr. Shissler embarked in business for himself as manufacturer of cigars at No. 52½ North Queen Street. This stand is one of the most popular cigar stores in the city, and here may be found the finest goods in the trade. In the rear of the store is located the cigar factory, where seven hands are kept constantly employed. Since 1869 Mr. Shissler has been engaged in the cigar business and makes a specialty of the finest grades, employing the best workmen to be obtained.

The marriage of our subject was celebrated here in 1879 to Miss Alice Anderson, who was born in Warrenton, Va. Her father, Perry Anderson, was formerly engaged in business in the Old Dominion and retired to make his home in this city after the war. Mr. and Mrs. Shissler have a substantial residence at No. 119 Charlotte Street, and are the

parents of two children, Harry and Clyde. Mrs. Shissler is a member of the Duke Street Methodist Episcopal Church and is a lady of great refinement and education.

In 1890 Simon Shissler was elected as a member of the City Council from the First Ward, which is Republican, but was carried with a good majority by the Democrats. He served acceptably for one term, and in 1892 was elected President of the Council by a large majority. As such he served on the Special Water Committee, which in 1892 placed in operation the ten million gallon pumps. The following year he removed to the Fifth Ward, where he is still making his home. He belongs to Lodge No. 13, F. & A. M., and is also affiliated with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Knights of Malta and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. For several years our subject was President of the Cigarmakers Branch of the Knights of Labor, and was Representative and Delegate to Harrisburg in order to have certain laws passed in the interest of the labor organizations of this city.



**P**HILIP RUDY, one of the important business factors of the city of Lancaster, engaged in the manufacture of and retail trade in harness, was born in Mechanicsburg, Lancaster County, Pa., on the 19th of February, 1846. He is the son of Elias Rudy, a native of the same county, whose father was of German descent, and both were devoted to farming. Our subject's father was a stonemason by trade, locating in Lancaster in 1851, where he worked at that trade, and was also a teamster in the army during the late war. He died at the age of seventy-six years, in 1890. He was a consistent member of the German Reformed Church, in which society he held numerous official positions. In politics he was a Republican. Our subject's mother, Anna Elizabeth (Fenstermaker) Rudy, was a native of Lancaster County, and lived on a farm near the

city. She passed from earth in 1893, aged seventy-six years.

Our subject is one of a family of nine children, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, and seven of whom are now living. John W., who was a soldier in the War of the Rebellion, was a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Regiment, and now resides at Lancaster. Henry, who was also in the army, a member of the One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, now resides at Lancaster.

Mr. Rudy was reared in Lancaster, and educated in the public schools of this city. At the age of twelve years he went to work in a cotton mill, and four years later was apprenticed to learn the harness and saddlery trade, but in 1864, when the Civil War cloud threatened the life of the nation, he left the shop, and volunteered as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry, and was mustered in at Harrisburg for one hundred days, after which he returned to the harness trade, continuing until 1868 in the same shop. At this date he engaged with a Mr. Musser, with whom he was employed until 1876, when he engaged in business for himself, opening a shop in the basement of a building at No. 241 North Queen Street. In 1890 he built his present commodious quarters. His building is 34x74 feet, three stories in height. The first floor of this building is provided with glass cases, fifty feet in length, extending from the floor to the ceiling, in which a fine display of his goods is made, including ready made harness of all styles, robes, horse blankets, turf goods and horse supplies. Seven workmen are employed constantly in this shop, and month by month the business is increasing under the skillful management of a man who is thoroughly acquainted with the business in which he is engaged.

Our subject was united in marriage in October, 1872, to Miss Anna Elizabeth Sheer, a native of Lancaster. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. F. Sheer. Mrs. Rudy's father is a retired confectioner. Mr. and Mrs. Rudy are the parents of five children: Mary E., William Sheer, Anna Grace, Marian F. and Philip Harold.

Mr. Rudy is an honored member of the Inde-

pendent Order of Odd Fellows, as well as of Lodge No. 68, K. of P., and of the Endowment Rank of the same order. For several years he has also been identified with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is an acceptable member of the Lutheran Church, in which work he has ever taken an active part, and is a member of the Church Council. Politically, Mr. Rudy believes that the best interests of the country are maintained by a loyal support of the Republican party.



**H**ENRY A. BRADY is senior member of Brady's Edged Tool Works, this business having been established in 1805 by his grandfather, David Brady, thus being one of the oldest industries in the country. The firm is known as William Brady & Sons, and their wares are in great demand, as they have been for many decades, and the work put forth by this concern is uniformly excellent in quality of material and fine workmanship. In the late war H. A. Brady went to the defense of the Union, and in times of peace likewise has shown himself to be a patriotic and loyal citizen.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, David Brady, was a son of Alexander Brady, a native of the northern part of Ireland, who came in the last century to Lancaster County, and was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. David Brady learned his trade from Val Hoffman, in this locality, and engaged in business for himself in Mt. Joy in 1824, having there removed his works from Lancaster. His son William continued the business after his death, in 1843. Subsequently he built a new shop and introduced steam power, increasing and constantly enlarging the works. They were destroyed by fire in 1872 and the same year were rebuilt, but in 1875 it was found best to remove the plant to Lancaster. In 1857 William Brady was the first to manufacture feed cutter knives,

which he made for a Harrisburg firm, and in time this branch of the industry became so extensive that thousands were shipped to every part of the United States, and orders from single houses were often for seven thousand at one time. On this account the firm abandoned making edged tools and turned their attention to the manufacture of heavy goods. Henry A. being taken into partnership the firm became William Brady & Son, and in 1875 their business in this city was started in the old Rifle Works. The present plant was started in 1887, and the location is now at Nos. 309 and 311 North Cherry Street, a two-story brick shop, 45x60 feet in dimensions. A special grade of iron is necessary in their trade, and besides the feed cutter mentioned, knives from six to twenty-six inches in length, shears, corn shellers, etc., for which they have large sales, are made here. The engine is of fifteen horse-power with large boilers. Two steam hammers are used and two large grindstones 6x10 feet in dimensions, with other modern machinery, are to be found in the plant. In former years all the pick-axes in use in this part of the country, and also axes and hatchets, were manufactured by this firm, and in these lines they still maintain a large trade.

Our subject's father departed this life March 4, 1890, being nearly seventy-two years of age. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and religiously was a devoted member of the Union Bethel Church of God. His wife, Ann (Johnston) Brady, was born in Virginia, where her father was a contractor and builder. Mrs. Brady's death occurred in 1886, and of her large family of twelve children, only two sons and two daughters survive to mourn her loss.

Henry A. Brady of this sketch is the eldest of his father's family, his birth having occurred in Mt. Joy, June 1, 1841, and in that village he passed his boyhood in attending the common schools, and afterward learned his father's business. In May, 1861, he volunteered as one of the first in the United States Marine Corps for a term of four years. He was at once sent to the St. Lawrence and thence to the Admiral's headquarters at Key West, Fla., being stationed in that vicinity for two years and three months, during which time he had

an attack of the yellow fever. In March, 1862, he was at Hampton Roads witnessing the battle between the "Monitor" and "Merrimac," and in June of that year became connected with the Eastern Gulf Squadron. Later being sent north to the Portsmouth Navy Yards, he was there stationed until his discharge May 13, 1865, being mustered out in Monise Navy Yards at Portsmouth, N. H., as Corporal. Returning home he entered his father's employ in 1868, being taken into partnership.

In 1866 Mr. Brady was married at Mt. Joy, to Miss Susan M. Shearer, a native of this county, and they have three children, Charles B., a practical workman in his father's business; Edith, wife of E. D. Sprecher, of this place, and Lyman H., who is engaged in merchandising in Philadelphia.

Many varieties of goods manufactured by the firm of William Brady & Sons have found sale in foreign countries, particularly in Brazil and other South American states, which import cutlery, shears and spears to a large extent. A brother of our subject, W. Scott Brady, is now a partner in the firm, with which he has been so connected since 1887. He is a fine mechanic and a thorough workman, having learned his trade in his father's shop. He was born in Mt. Joy in 1860, and is numbered among the enterprising young business men of the city. Our subject is a Republican in politics and fraternally belongs to Admiral Reynolds Post No. 405, G. A. R., and is also connected with the Union Veterans' Legion No. 14, of which he is a charter member.



**R**OBERT C. SELDOMRIDGE, who is named among the most enterprising merchants of the city of Lancaster, will form the subject of this notice. He was born in Monterey, this county, December 31, 1862, and is a son of B. T. Seldomridge, a native of Lancaster County, born near New Holland. Our subject's grandfather, Isaac Seldomridge, was also a native of the same

county; he was a farmer by occupation, in religious matters was a Lutheran, and died at the age of eighty years. Our subject's father learned the saddler's business, and established himself in the same at Monterey in 1860, and is still thus engaged. He has always been an active man, has been School Director for eighteen years, and is a member of the German Reformed Church, with which he has been identified for many years.

Our subject's mother's maiden name was Sarah Bursk, and she was born in Upper Leacock Township, the daughter of Robert Bursk; the father was a native of Bucks County. The Bursk family trace their ancestry back to the time when three brothers were captured by the Indians, and one of the number lived to escape. He settled in Bucks County and had three sons; one of these was the great-grandfather of Robert Bursk. He was a blacksmith by trade and followed that, together with farming, in the Upper Leacock country. He died aged seventy-three; he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Our subject was the eldest of a family of five children, and he had the advantages of the common school system of that day. In 1879 he began clerking in Lancaster, under D. S. Bursk, with whom he remained twelve years, the last three years of which he was the manager of a branch store in the West End. In 1891 he opened his present store in a new building, the same being 30x90 feet in size, with basement. He uses the third floor of his building for storage purposes. His stock is a complete assortment of staple and fancy groceries. He is an importer of French peas, mushrooms, olives and olive oil from France, and all of his canned goods bear his own label. Our subject also does quite a wholesale business, and runs two delivery wagons regularly, employing from eight to eleven hands. His whole attention is paid to the grocery business, of which he has made a complete success. The location of his spacious store is at Nos. 18 and 20 North Queen Street.

Mr. Seldomridge was united in marriage June 16, 1886, at Intercourse, to Miss Hariel E. Sample, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Sample. Her father is an old practitioner at the town of Intercourse. Three children bless the home of our sub-

ject and his wife, Edna R., Florence A. and Robert B. Mr. Seldomridge is a member of the Odd Fellows' order, including Ridgley Encampment No. 217, and Lancaster Canton No. 25. He is also an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Lodge No. 476, and Perfection Lodge, as well as being identified with Inland City Lodge No. 88, K. of P. In matters of religion, our subject is a consistent, active member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics votes the Republican ticket.



**H**ENRY F. MYERS, M. D., is one of the promising young physicians and surgeons of Lancaster, and those who are best acquainted with his ability and the work he has accomplished, confidently predict for him a most successful career, and judging by the start he has made this seems bound to be fulfilled. He is a young man of more than ordinary intellect and information, and is prominently identified with several medical associations, literary and political societies. Dr. Myers was born in this city June 10, 1870, and comes of sturdy German ancestors, to whose efforts the development of this region is almost entirely due. His father, Paul Myers, was born in Germany, and when only two years old was brought by his parents to America, and reared on a farm in Hempfield Township, Lancaster County. During the War of the Rebellion he was a member of Company I, in a Pennsylvania regiment, and after the war engaged in the grocery business on North Queen Street for several years. He is now engaged in operating his small farm at Witmer's Bridge, near the city, and is toll keeper and Superintendent for two and a-half miles of the Lancaster and Williamston Turnpike Company, this road being the original Philadelphia Pike. Mr. Myers belongs to Admiral Reynolds Post No. 405, G. A. R., and is a leader in his neighborhood in the ranks of the Democracy. He and his family are members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. His wife, who was born in Rohrsers-

town, is Mary P., daughter of Stephen Kern. The latter is a native of Germany, and a farmer of this county. To Paul Myers and his wife were born six children, five of whom are living, and of these Henry is the eldest. Charles S. is a graduate of the Dentistry Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and the younger members of the family are Mary A., Albert and Clara L.

Dr. Myers graduated from the Lancaster High School in 1889, and is still a member of the Alumni Association of that institution. Soon after graduating he took up the study of medicine under Drs. S. T. & M. L. Davis, and in September, 1890, entered the University of Pennsylvania, being enrolled in the Medical Department, from which he graduated June 16, 1893, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For about two months after leaving school he was substitute for Dr. S. W. Miller in Lancaster County Hospital. The pleasant and central office of Dr. Myers is now located at No. 48 North Prince Street, and he is rapidly acquiring a fine reputation as a general practitioner. He is a member of the Lancaster City and County Medical Societies, and he still devotes much time to his further improvement, both in theory and practice. Like his parents and other members of the family, he is a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, and is a member of St. Michael's Beneficial Society. Since attaining his majority he has been an active and zealous Democrat, belonging to the Young Men's Democratic Association, and is a member of the County Committee from the Fortieth District.



**J**OSEPH LONG, of Lancaster, makes a specialty of tin roofing, eave troughs and similar work in this line, having a good business and giving employment to upwards of a dozen hands. He was born in this city May 24, 1857, and is a son of Fred G. and Mary (Gegg) Long. The former came from Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1848, when in his twenty-ninth year,

and worked as a journeyman in the Lancaster shops. His trade was that of a molder and core-maker and he followed this calling at different places in the Altoona car shops among others, and finally, after his marriage, settled in Lancaster. Later he was engaged in conducting a notion store, but prior to his death was for some time engaged in the insurance business with the Prudential Life Insurance Company. He was a Democrat, and in religion was a Catholic, belonging to St. Anthony's Congregation. By his marriage he had thirteen children: Lewis; Joseph; Katie, who died when young; Mary, Frank A., Amelia, Katie, the second of the name, who is also deceased; Katie; Edie, Harry, Albert and Rosa, and one died in infancy. The father of this family departed this life May 27, 1894, aged seventy-four years.

Joseph Long, of this sketch, learned the tin-smith's trade with Mr. Wallers, of Lancaster, serving an apprenticeship of three years. Succeeding this he worked as a journeyman for a period of twelve years, and finally, in 1888, embarked in business for himself. As there are few engaged in this branch of work in the city he has received a large patronage and is making a success of his undertaking. Politically he is a Democrat, but has never been prevailed upon to serve in an official capacity. He is interested in the Union Building & Loan Association; the Pennsylvania Mutual Life and the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Companies, and is also interested in fire insurance companies.

November 25, 1878, Mr. Long married Caroline Lunike and they have had eight children: Edward, deceased; Lillie, Charles, Mamie, Johnny, Alvicus, Fred and Joseph. They are members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, and Mr. Long is a member of St. Michael's and Leo Catholic Societies.

On the maternal side, Joseph Long is a descendant of Andrew Gegg, a native of Baden, Germany, who followed agriculture and served in the German army in the Napoleonic Wars. His daughter, the mother of our subject, came alone in 1854 from Baden, Germany, locating in Lancaster, and was married October 8, 1854. Joseph Long, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a blacksmith, and lived in Wurtemberg, Germany, where

he died when a young man. He was also in the German army and participated in the Battle of Waterloo.



**D** FRANK BUCHMILLER. This enterprising young business man of Lancaster is engaged in the manufacture of bronze, steel and iron padlocks. He was born in this city August 8, 1860, and is the son of Robert Buchmiller, a native of Prussia, where he was engaged as an edged tool maker. On coming to America when a young man he immediately located in Lancaster, where he established a gun and cutlery house, to which he later added that of rifles. He bore the distinction of being the first rifle manufacturer in this section, and carried on a profitable business until his decease, July 8, 1873, when forty-nine years of age. He was a Democrat in politics and a devoted member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Mary A. (Scheerer) Buchmiller, the mother of our subject, was born and reared in Philadelphia and is still living, making her home with D. Frank. She became the mother of six children, of whom the following three are living: Emma, the wife of John T. Todd, living in Chester County, this state; W. C., agent for the Adams Express Company in this city, and our subject, who was the youngest member of the family.

The original of this sketch received a good education, attending first the common and then the high school of his native city. He later took a course in the commercial college, and when completing his business education, entered his father's shops and after mastering the business took charge of affairs. Mr. Buchmiller is a practical workman, and manufactures all kinds of padlocks, many of which he has patented himself. His place of business is located on Market and Queen Streets, where he has two shops, one 130x18 feet in dimensions and the other 70x22 feet, and both are three stories in height. They contain engines run during the

winter months, but in the summer season the machinery is operated with electric motors. Our subject gives employment to forty-five men, and has a capacity for turning out two hundred dozen locks per day.

In social affairs Mr. Buchmiller is a prominent Odd Fellow, belonging to Lodge No. 67, and Washington Encampment. He is a consistent member of Trinity Lutheran Church. He is a staunch Democrat in politics, and by his straightforward and upright dealings has won the universal confidence of the people in his community, and it is therefore with pleasure that we present this brief sketch of his life to our readers.



**R**EBUBEN K. SCHNADER, for a period extending over twenty years, has been a dealer in tobacco, and has operated a factory on Grant Street, Lancaster. He is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of this county, to which his great-great-grandfather came in the early part of the eighteenth century from Germany, locating in East Earl Township, on a farm that is still in the possession of his descendants. His son Jacob, the great-grandfather of our subject, was sent by his father to New York City to purchase a girl by meeting her expenses on the voyage, a common thing in those days, and in time the young man married her, very much to his family's disgust, and therefore he was compelled to leave home. He was one of the organizers of the Center Lutheran Reformed Church. During one bleak winter one of his children died and he buried it in the then rocky spot which became the site of the church and burial ground, and was then in the wilderness. He located four miles back from the Conestoga River in a dense forest, and proceeded to clear a farm with an ax and to make a little home for his family. There he remained until his death, when he was possessed of a thousand acres of land. At the age of seventy-five years he was again

married, being dressed in a fine fashion for those days, in velvet coat, leather breeches and with silver buckles on his shoes. He was born in 1735, and died in 1829, in his ninety-fifth year. His son Baltzer, the next in line of descent, was born in 1765, at the old homestead in Breakneck Township, and lived at the old homestead until his marriage with Barbara Kitzmiller, when he removed to Franklin County, and there learned to speak the English language. He engaged in agricultural pursuits there for several years, and then returned to become the owner of a farm of two hundred and seventy acres in the township where he was born, his residence being in a stone house, the first of the kind built in that portion of the county. This building is standing yet, and is in a perfect state of preservation.

The parents of our subject were Jacob and Lydia (Clime) Schnader. The former was born on Christmas Day, 1800, being the ninth in a family of fourteen children. To himself and wife were born seven children, namely: Sophia, who died in infancy; Davis, Doris, Reuben K., William, Levi and Lydia. The father's death occurred November 13, 1861, while his wife, who died January 11, 1878, was nearly seventy-two years of age.

The subject of this sketch was born August 16, 1832, near what is now Fairville, East Earl Township, of this county, and attended the subscription school of the district until fourteen years old. For five years thereafter he made his home on the old farm, and then went to Clearfield County to prospect for lime. Returning, he passed two years in his native township, and in company with his father conducted a dry-goods and grain business at Fairville. Afterwards he returned to Breakneck Township, where for eight years he devoted himself to farming. About 1869 he became a resident of Lancaster, and identified himself with the tobacco business, with which in one connection or another he has since been known. In this trade he employs thirty men, and has built up a large business in cigars and leaf tobacco. His methods are trustworthy and reliable, and his customers know that he is to be depended upon to keep the letter of his contracts.

In 1855 Mr. Schnader married Elizabeth Killian,



and two children have been born of their union, Walter R. and Albert P. The elder son was born September 3, 1858; he received a good education both in the district schools and in those of this city. For several years he has assisted his father in his business, and is a young man of good ability. June 21, 1882, he married Clara, daughter of Philip Schum, of this city. The younger son of our subject, Albert P., was born October 10, 1861, and is also in business with his father, and is enterprising and industrious.

Socially Mr. Schmader is an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias. Politically he is a Prohibitionist, and for six years served as a School Director in this place. For two decades he has been Sunday-school Superintendent of the Evangelical Church, and has also acted as one of its Trustees. He is a man who is well liked and has the sincere respect of all who have come in contact with him.



**C**HRISTIAN GUNZENHAUSER. A compendium of the biographical sketches of the citizens of Lancaster County would be incomplete without an outline of the above gentleman, who has gained an excellent and extended reputation as a baker and is one of the leading business men of Lancaster. He has done much toward enhancing the prosperity of his community in embarking in this enterprise, and by his unceasing application to business has secured a competency.

Our subject was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, July 23, 1857, and is the son of Leonard Gunzenhauser, also a native of the Fatherland, where he followed the miller's trade until his decease in early life. His wife prior to her marriage was Annie Kaufman. She was born in Wurtemberg, where she spent her entire life, dying firm in the faith of the Lutheran Church.

Of the parental family six lived to mature years, of whom our subject was the youngest born. He spent the first fourteen years of his life in his

native land, in the meantime attending the model schools of that country. In 1872 he embarked on a vessel which landed him in New York, whence he came to Lancaster and immediately apprenticed himself to Lawrence Goos to learn the baker's trade. He remained with him a twelvemonth, when he did journey work on his own account in Philadelphia and New Jersey for ten years. He then established a business of his own and for two years carried it on in Lock Haven, Clinton County. At the expiration of that time he came to this city, and in 1883 bought the business of George Gobel, which he has operated ever since. It is located at No. 231 West King Street, and contains all the improvements and conveniences found in a first-class establishment. Mr. Gunzenhauser gives employment to ten men and runs three wagons. He is the sole manufacturer of the genuine Vienna bread in the city, and does a large and constantly increasing business.

The original of this sketch was married in 1881 to Miss Katie Schaefer, a native of this city, and to them have been granted three children: Margery, Frank and Charles. In social affairs our subject is a Knight of Pythias and is a member of the Maennerchor. He belongs to Zion's Lutheran Church. He is strictly honorable in all his dealings and is therefore kindly regarded by all with whom he has to do. In politics he votes independently, but is a believer in America and Americans, and advocates their attendance at the polls.



**P**ETER N. WOILSEN is classed among the intelligent, keen and thoroughly wide-awake business men of Lancaster, who are contributing very materially to its prosperity. Our subject, one of the leading contractors and builders of the city, is an efficient member of the School Board, representing the Seventh Ward. He

was born in Hanover, Germany, August 24, 1858, and crossed the Atlantic when a lad of fifteen years.

The father of our subject, Peter N. Wohlsen, Sr., was also a native of the Fatherland, of whom further mention will be made in the sketch of William Wohlsen, a brother of our subject. Peter N., of this notice, was the fourth in order of birth of the parental family of seven children, and was reared to farm pursuits in his native land. He attended the common schools until deciding to emigrate to America, leaving home in the fall of 1873 on the steamer "Rhine," which made the trip across the Atlantic in twelve days.

Young Wohlsen came directly to Lancaster and for the first winter attended night school in order to become acquainted with the English tongue. Wishing to learn the carpenter's trade, he apprenticed himself to his brother William, who was already established in business in this city, and continued to work for him for four and one-half years. In 1877, however, he went west to Sterling, Rice County, Kan., where he remained engaged at his trade for nearly two years, and then returned to this city and again entered the employ of his brother.

In 1880 Peter N. Wohlsen was married to Miss Annie S., daughter of Charles Schwebel, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and a tailor by trade. After coming to America, however, he began doing contract work in sewers and for three years was Street Commissioner. For fifteen years Mr. Schwebel served as Director on the School Board, and departed this life in June, 1890. His wife, Mrs. Maria (Schlosser) Schwebel, was also a native of Germany, but was reared to womanhood in this city.

In 1883 our subject began contracting and building, which he has followed with more than usual success ever since. His first partner was his brother-in-law, Henry Elsen, with whom he carried on business for five years, but since that time has operated alone. He has a thorough knowledge of materials and modes of usage best adapted to various kinds of buildings. He has erected several rows of houses in the city, and every piece of workmanship which he undertakes to perform gives entire satisfaction. At the present time he

is in Yonkers, N. Y., engaged in finishing the residence of E. K. Martin of that place.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wohlsen there has been granted a family of five children: Elizabeth C., Charles A., Peter N., Jr., Edna M., (deceased) and Luther W. Our subject has always been interested in school affairs, and in the spring of 1893 was elected as Director from his district for a term of three years. In politics he is an ardent admirer of Republican principles and belongs to the Republican Club in Lancaster. He is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, to the support of which he is a liberal contributor. He is now erecting ten buildings for himself and eight for Mr. Mettfett.



**L**EVI BAER, a farmer of East Hempfield Township, is the son of Martin and Mary Baer, and was born in this township, August 30, 1836. The family is of German origin, the first representative having emigrated to America about the year 1800 and made location in Hempfield Township. Christian Baer, the great-grandfather of our subject, was the possessor of a fine estate in this county, and was actively connected with the Mennonite Church. The maternal grandfather of Levi was also a large landowner in the above township, and like most of the residents of this section belonged to the Mennonite Church. He married Miss Anna Hershey and by her became the father of four children.

The father of our subject was likewise born in East Hempfield Township, and when choosing a vocation in life became an agriculturist, in which industry he was more than ordinarily successful, accumulating over three hundred acres of land, which he placed under the most approved methods of cultivation. He at all times supported the principles of the Republican party. In religion he was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. His wife was the daughter of Henry Baer, and to them were born three children, of whom our subject was

the eldest. Sarah is the wife of Dr. J. W. Hess, of Lancaster, and Martin H. is engaged in farming in this township. The father died in 1843, at the age of thirty-six years, and his widow was afterwards married to Jacob Bausman, a prominent business man of Lancaster. By her union with Mr. Bausman she has a son, John W. B., who also makes his home in the city of Lancaster.

The subject of this sketch received a thorough training in farm work, which he has made the business of his life. At one time he owned one hundred and fourteen acres of the home farm, upon which he resided for twelve years. After disposing of it he lived in different places until purchasing five acres of his previous farm, on which he erected a good residence, suitable barns and outbuildings, and has lived thereon for the past thirteen years.

Our subject and Miss Salinda, daughter of Henry Kaufman, were united in marriage in 1855. Their children are respectively: Anna M., the wife of Henry Snavely, a druggist of Lancaster; one who died in infancy; and Harry K., a dentist engaged in practice in Lancaster. In politics our subject is a firm adherent of the principles of the Republican party, and loyally supports its platform and measures. He is a worthy and exemplary member of the Menmonite Church, and contributes liberally to its support.



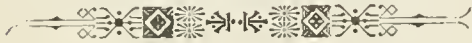
**J**OHAN W. DUTTENHOFER is a dealer in leaf tobacco in Lancaster, and until the 1st of January, 1894, was a member of the firm of H. H. Miller & Co., having been a partner in that well known concern for a period covering thirteen years. Since this connection was dissolved he has been engaged in business alone and is making a success of his venture. An active Republican, he always attends elections, and in every possible manner tries to give his support to those measures which he deems for the good of the ma-

jority. He was born July 31, 1854, at Columbia, Lancaster County, his parents being John G. and Mary (Sheibley) Duttonhofer.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Germany, his home being in Wurtemberg, and religiously he was a strong adherent of the Lutheran Church. The father of our subject was one in a family comprising three sons and three daughters, and his birth occurred in Wittenberg, where he received a good common school education, and where he learned the trade of a wheelwright. This calling he followed all his life in the United States, being for a short time located in York County, Pa., and since 1881 has made his home in Lancaster. He came from Hanover with a brother, and for six years was engaged in the ore mining business in York County. At the present time, though well along in years, he is still working at his trade at No. 313 Prince Street, doing all kinds of heavy wagon work. In politics he supports the Republican party, belongs to Columbia Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and is a member of the Lutheran Church. By his marriage he had the following children: Emma, Mrs. Samuel Eisenberger, of Harrisburg; John W.; Charles, a cigar manufacturer on West King Street, Lancaster; Joseph, Kate, Christian; Harry, a carpenter in the Empire State, and one who died in infancy.

In order to become a practical business man the parents of John W., our subject, rightly thought best to give him excellent school privileges, and when he was fifteen years of age he started in business with his father at the ore mines in York County. He remained for five years in charge of the large trade of the Pigeon Hill Mines, and afterwards was at Rock Hill, in this county, where for a time his father was engaged as a wheelwright. Later John W. Duttonhofer began to turn his attention to the growing of tobacco, and succeeded very well in that direction. In 1881 he started in business in this city as a dealer in leaf tobacco in company with H. H. Miller, which partnership continued for a number of years, being then dissolved by mutual consent. Our subject is enterprising and progressive in his business methods, bringing to bear upon everything which he undertakes excellent executive ability and perseverance. He is

a member of Lodge No. 134, B. P. O. E., and religiously he is connected with the Lutheran denomination. On the 14th of June, 1887, he was united in marriage with Miss Katie, daughter of William G. Gelzenlichter, and two children have come to bless their union, their names being Mary and Howard.



**B**ENJAMIN F. GROFF, D. V. S., has a boarding and sales stable on the corner of Millin and Christian Streets, being the pioneer in this line of business in Lancaster. His birth occurred in Lancaster County, in the village which bears the curious name of Bird in Hand, August 31, 1847, his parents being Benjamin and Lydia A. (Tombow) Groff. The father of the former, Jacob Groff, was of German ancestry, a native of Lancaster County, where he followed farming on arriving at mature years. Our subject's father was a celebrated auctioneer in this and adjoining counties, and also followed the butcher's trade to some extent. In old age he retired, making his home in Lancaster with the Doctor until his death, at the age of seventy years. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church, and in politics was a Republican. The mother was the daughter of William Tombow, who was born in Germany and settled on a farm in Bird in Hand about 1800. Mrs. Lydia Groff departed this life in the last named village in 1862, leaving six sons and six daughters, who are all yet living.

Dr. B. F. Groff received good school advantages, and in August, 1864, volunteered as a member of Nevins Light Artillery, and being mustered into service, was stationed in Philadelphia until the close of his term, one year. On being honorably discharged June 6, 1865, he returned to the parental roof, and for three sessions was a student in the Millersville Normal School. Afterwards he successfully taught school for six terms in this county, and then turned his attention to medical

work. With Dr. Binkley he pursued his studies for two years, and then branched into veterinary surgery, under the direction of Dr. McClure, of Philadelphia, who conducted a college for those desirous of becoming versed in the profession. In March, 1872, Dr. Groff returned to engage in practice in Earlville, where he was located for five years. In 1877, coming to this city, he commenced his practice, and is one of the most successful veterinary surgeons in the county and perhaps in the state. He is Secretary of McGrann's Driving Park Association and has charge of the track, which is of the half-mile variety, and one of the best to be found in Pennsylvania.

The marriage of our subject took place in Strasburg, this county, in 1870, to Miss Kate Wisler, a native of Kentucky. The lady was reared to womanhood in Columbia, and is a daughter of William Wisler, one of the old veterinary surgeons of this city. Dr. and Mrs. Groff have eight children: May, William, Bert, Rebecca, Park, Elsie, Catherine and Stella. The eldest son is a traveling salesman, and the next son is a clerk with Slaymaker, Barry & Co. Dr. Groff is an earnest advocate of Republican principles and is one of the best citizens and most public-spirited men of the county.



**W**ILLIAM WAITZ is one of the practical business men of Lancaster, being an extensive manufacturer of cigars, both retail and wholesale, and also has a large trade in leaf tobacco. He keeps one salesman constantly on the road, and employs over a score of hands. A native of Germany, our subject was born November 12, 1843, in the province of Saxony. His father, William Waitz, Sr., was a native of the same country and learned the trade of making paper, which he followed for some years in Hessen, Germany. In 1846, with his wife, Louisa (Harting) Waitz, and his four children, Augustus, Christiana, William and Gustavus, he





*J. W. Linard, M.D.*

came to the United States and settled in Bethlehem, Lehigh County, where he remained for about a year, being engaged in selling notions and small wares, and afterward for a year and a-half was a resident of Tremont, Schuylkill County. For about two years subsequently he resided in Mahanoy Plain, and for a short time taught German in the schools. Still later in life he was engaged in the business in Harrisburg, which was his home for two years, and in 1853 he carried on a junk trade in Lancaster. Next he removed to New Providence Township, where he worked in a paper mill until going to Wheeling, W. Va., where he carried on a junk business for a time. Afterward he made his home in Allegheny, and there his death occurred in 1867, at the age of fifty-eight years. He was a Democrat, and religiously was connected with the Lutheran Church. After coming to the United States his three youngest children, Louisa, Sarah and Charles, were born, and the mother departed this life when in her sixty-sixth year.

William Waitz was only two years old when brought to this country, and received very meagre advantages in an educational way, as his parents were in limited circumstances, his only chance being to attend the night schools. Until reaching his majority he helped support his father's family, and then began learning the cigarmaking business, doing journeyman's work in this city and other places for about a quarter of a century. He was engaged in business in Wheeling, W. Va., Steubenville and Cleveland, Ohio, Pittsburg and Allegheny, Pa., and for eleven years was foreman for Lewis S. Hartman in Lancaster. In 1881 he embarked in business on his own account, and having thoroughly mastered every detail of the business, has made a success of it from the start, having worked from a small beginning up to his present large trade. At first he was located on Market Street, later started a retail store at his factory, and is now at No. 5 North Queen Street and at No. 249½ West King Street, his retail business and factory locations respectively. Commencing with only one man, he gradually increased the number until now some sixteen are employed in the different departments. For seven years his retail cigar store was at No. 8 East Orange Street. For four years he

did business at No. 103 North Queen Street, where twenty-five hands were employed at times.

Mr. Waitz is a member of the American Mechanics' Building Association, and also of the Home Building Association. He is a Republican in his political affiliations, and socially belongs to the Seven Wise Men's society; to Lodge No. 68, K. of P.; and to the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He and his wife, who was formerly Miss Mary Swenk, are members of the Lutheran Church. They were married June 12, 1867, and have had five children: Gertrude E., Louisa, Anna May, William and Herbert. The eldest daughter became the wife of Henry Coho, a machinist.



**J**OHAN W. KINARD, M. D., is one of the successful medical and surgical practitioners of Lancaster and has degrees from two medical colleges. Since the spring of 1888 he has had his office at No. 17 East Walnut Street, and numbers among his patrons many of the best families of the city. He keeps fully abreast of advance and discovery in the line of his profession; he is Medical Examiner for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York City, for the Artisans' Order of Mutual Protection, and the Mutual Reserve Life Association. The Doctor is the son of Simon Kinard and grandson of Michael Kinard, who were both natives of York County, Pa., and his great-grandfather, who was a native of Scotland, became one of the early settlers and farmers of the same county. For several generations the family have been numbered among the agriculturists of that region and have been important factors in its upbuilding. Simon Kinard owned a farm of one hundred and twenty acres near Wrightsville, which he engaged in cultivating until his death, in 1886, at the age of fifty-six years. His wife, who is still living on the old homestead, now in her fifty-ninth year, is of German descent and before her mar-

riage was Elizabeth Olewiler. She is the daughter of Jacob Olewiler, who, like herself, was born in York County. The mother of Mrs. Kinard, who is now in her eighty-fourth year, is still active.

In a family of six sons and five daughters who grew to maturity and are yet living, the Doctor is the eldest. He was born February 15, 1858, at Wrightsville, York County, and was reared on his father's farm. Of his brothers, George C. is a physician at Lincoln, this county, and his other brothers are all school teachers. Until fifteen years old our subject attended the common schools of his native county, and after a short time spent in an academy, engaged in teaching school, in which calling he continued for six years. During the summers he was for five sessions a student in the Millersville Normal School and then took up the study of medicine with Dr. Bugler, of East Prospect. After a year's study with that gentleman he was under the tutelage of Dr. Jacob Hay, of York, and in 1879 entered the University of Maryland, at Baltimore, from which he was graduated in 1882 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For the next five years he engaged in practice in East Prospect and then sold out to Dr. J. A. Stoner. Going to New York, he entered the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine upon his graduation, March 11, 1888. Prior to entering this celebrated college, in 1885, he took a post-graduate course in Philadelphia in the Polyelinie College and College for Graduates in Medicine. In the spring of 1888 Dr. Kinard opened his office in Lancaster and has been successful in his profession. While at East Prospect he was a School Director and held every office from an Inspector to Chief Burgess up to the time of leaving the place, when he resigned. Socially he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a Knight of the Golden Eagle. Religiously he is a Lutheran and holds membership with the Grace Evangelical Church. In his political convictions he is a Republican and a firm believer in the principles upheld by that party.

While a resident of East Prospect Dr. Kinard was married, in September, 1883, to Isabella, a daughter of Jacob Weidman, who was a farmer of

York County. Mrs. Kinard was born in the village of York, where she grew to womanhood. Dr. and Mrs. Kinard are the parents of a little son, Kerwin W.



**C**ARL REESE EABY is one of the most successful young lawyers of the Lancaster County Bar and has acquired a fine reputation and a large practice in Lancaster, where he makes his home. Mr. Eaby has been located for several years at No. 25 North Duke Street, his office being centrally situated, and among his clients he numbers many of the best firms and business men of this city and locality.

For a number of generations the Eaby family has been identified with the history of Lancaster County. The ancestor of our subject known to have settled in this section was Daniel M. Eaby, a native of England, who passed his life on his farm in Bart Township. He was a Whig politically and was a member of the Knights of Pythias and at various times served in local offices. The Reese family were of English origin and they were members of the Society of Friends. The subject of this article is the son of George W. and Rachel A. (Reese) Eaby. The former received a good common-school education and supplemented the same by a course in Millersville Normal. Subsequently for many years he engaged in teaching, meeting with success in his profession, and during the late war manifested his patriotism by entering the service in the defense of the Stars and Stripes.

The birth of C. R. Eaby occurred in Sadsburyville, Chester County, this state, December 4, 1867, and when he was quite young he came to Lancaster. In this city he acquired his early education, graduating from the Lancaster City High School June 30, 1882. In order to further equip himself for the battle of life he entered the Franklin and Marshall College, where he remained for four years, and was graduated June 18, 1886. He then determined to enter the legal profession and de-



voted his energies to acquiring a good knowledge of law, and when only twenty-one years of age was admitted to the Bar, March 4, 1889. Prior to this he had studied in the office of Brown & Hensel, a well known firm of this city, who gave him good instruction and a fair start.

For the past five years Mr. Eaby has been actively engaged in practice and is rapidly making his way to the front ranks of his profession in this community. In political faith he is a Republican, and has served as County Auditor, having been appointed by the court. Socially he is a member of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.; Temple Chapter No. 248, R. A. M.; Lancaster Lodge No. 131, Benevolent Order of Elks; and is also an Odd Fellow, being associated with Herschel Lodge No. 123. With the Junior Order of United American Mechanics he is identified, being associated with Shifler Council No. 177. In his religious faith he is a Lutheran and is a member of the Trinity Congregation of this city. He is a young man of much more than ordinary ability and learning and promises to have a very brilliant career.



**J**OHAN REBMAN. This name will be at once recognized as that of a gentleman doing business in Lancaster under the firm name of J. Rebman & Son, auctioneers and dealers in agricultural implements. He is also largely interested in real estate in the city, and is prominent in business circles. Our subject is a native of Germany, having been born in that country October 12, 1838, and is the son of John Fred Rebman, also born in the Fatherland, where he was a contractor and builder and one of the leading men in that trade. He spent his entire life in Germany, dying at the age of seventy-two years, firm in the faith of the Lutheran Church.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was

Christine Reigert. She was likewise born in Germany and died at the age of thirty-one years, leaving four children who grew to mature years, of whom our subject was the eldest. Two of his sisters are living near Cincinnati, Ohio, and the third is now deceased. John, of this sketch, received his education in the schools of Germany, and when a lad of fifteen years, in the spring of 1854, left home and went overland to Havre, where, April 1, he embarked on a vessel, which landed him in New York forty-two days later. He came immediately to Lancaster, where he found work on a farm in Upper Leacock Township, six miles from this city. Three years later he learned the blacksmith's trade, and after working for other parties for five years started in business for himself, manufacturing cultivators, wagons and carriages.

In 1870 our subject took out patents on two cultivators, which he manufactured until 1873, when he disposed of his interests in that line and kept a hotel at Eden, on the New Holland Pike. This he conducted for four years, and then engaged as a butcher, running a good market for three years. In the meantime Mr. Rebman became an auctioneer, and has followed that business to the present time, being called upon to "cry off" goods throughout this and adjoining counties.

In the year 1878 our subject established himself in business in this city, and two years later moved into the Northern Market House, on the corner of Walnut and North Queen Streets, which is stored with agricultural implements, and he carries the fullest line of farm machinery in the city. He is also largely interested in real estate, owning much valuable property in Lancaster, which he disposes of from time to time at a good profit. J. Rebman & Son have the largest trade of any firm in this section, selling their goods in this, Berks, Chester, Franklin and York Counties.

The subject of this sketch was married in 1859 to Miss Priscilla, daughter of George Mearig, a tailor by trade, who during his later years followed farm pursuits. He was a Lutheran in religion, and a man greatly respected in his community. Mrs. Rebman died March 12, 1892. While liv-

ing in Manheim Township, our subject was appointed by Governor Hoyt Justice of the Peace, holding the position for five years.

To our subject and his estimable wife there were born twelve children, eight of whom are now living, viz.: Benjamin F., Isaac N., Lizzie, John S., Bertha, Ella, George Washington and Walter H. Isaac N. is engaged with our subject in business. He was educated in the public schools, and when quite young assisted his father in his various enterprises. He was married in this city in 1887 to Miss Etta Musser, a native of New Holland, this county, and to them have been born two children, Gertrude M. and John Cleveland. In religious affairs Isaac Rebman is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, and socially is a Knight of the Golden Eagle.



**S**QUIRE JACOB GUNDAKER, who is now serving as Alderman from the First Ward in the City Council of Lancaster, has made a very satisfactory public official in the various positions to which he has been called from time to time. The birth of our subject occurred February 7, 1827, at his father's home on North Water Street, Lancaster. His paternal grandfather, George Gundaker, was born in Germany, and on coming to the United States made a permanent location in Lancaster County. He took part in the War of the Revolution, as did also one of his sons, and after devoting himself during his active years to farming, retired and passed his declining years in Lancaster and Chambersburg. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and a most worthy and industrious man.

George Gundaker, the father of our subject, was born in Chambersburg, Pa., in 1795, and became a very successful and thrifty business man. He owned a distillery in Lancaster, which he operated until he retired from commercial pursuits. For many years he was a Court Officer and Street Commissioner.

He was very active in the ranks of the Democratic party, and his death occurred when he was in his eighty-seventh year. His wife, who was born in 1797, was Mary, daughter of George Kuhns. The father was a native of the county, though his parents came from Germany, and in former years he was one of the leading brick manufacturers of this locality. After rearing a family of nine children, all but two of whom are yet living, Mrs. Mary Gundaker was called to her final rest, being eighty-four years of age. Three of her sons participated in the late war, Emanuel and Abraham enlisting in Lancaster, the first being Lieutenant of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, and the latter being a private soldier in an artillery company. Henry, who was at the time a resident of St. Louis, became a member of a Missouri regiment.

Squire Gundaker was the fourth child in his father's family, and received common school advantages in Lancaster, where he was reared. At the age of fourteen years he was apprenticed to learn the butcher's trade, which he followed for three years and then left the business. He next became interested in railroading, at the time when Pennsylvania owned the State Railroad. From 1848 to 1852 he was a constable, being one of three officers to occupy that position in the city, and for over twenty years he served in that capacity with few intermissions. In 1872 he was elected Alderman from the Fifth Ward. For a period covering forty years he has been an auctioneer, and is still meeting with success in his numerous sales, which he carries on in different parts of the city and county. In 1891 he was once more elected Alderman, this time from the First Ward, and has his office at No. 14 North Water Street.

In Lancaster a marriage was celebrated in 1847, by which Miss Harriet McCulley became the wife of Squire Gundaker. The lady was born in this city, being a daughter of John McCulley. Eleven children came to grace this union, all but one of whom grew to maturity, though only six are now living. They are as follows: Jacob, a carriage manufacturer of Denver, Colo.; George, a machinist and mining engineer in Montana; Samuel, a practical machinist and boiler inspector of Idaho,

his home being in Boise City; Harry, a blacksmith, who is also a resident of Boise City; and Mary E. and Emma, who live in Lancaster. The faithful wife and mother was called from her home to her final rest in June, 1869.

In his social relations Squire Gundaker belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Lancaster Encampment. He numbers many warm friends in this city, where he has passed his entire life, and on account of his entertaining stories and reminiscences of former years, and his fund of general information, is a very entertaining conversationalist.



**H**ON. ELIM G. SNYDER is one of the prominent and progressive citizens of Lancaster, who for years has been identified with its development and prosperity. In political affairs particularly, he has been very active in serving the public, and for two terms was a representative in the Pennsylvania Legislature from this district. For two terms he was a member of the City Council and has also been one of the Directors on the School Board for six years. During the time he was in the Legislature he was instrumental in securing the repeal of the bill of Sealer of Weights and Measures, and also the repeal of the bill passed for the benefit of the prison keeper, thus restoring the prison to the entire control of the county. In every way Mr. Snyder was aggressive in presenting the claims and in standing by the rights of his constituents. For several years past he has been engaged in running a grocery and provision store at No. 507 West Lemon Street, where he has a good trade.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Andrew Snyder, was born August 17, 1733, in Switzerland, and came to America with his wife prior to the War of the Revolution, in which he enlisted, and for five years was a member of a company of light horse cavalry. Later he returned to his native

land, where he stayed several years, but embarked again for the United States, and on his arrival was sold to a man of this country to pay his passage. Andrew Snyder died November 4, 1815, at the remarkably advanced age of one hundred and thirteen years. In the Revolutionary War he received a saber wound in a hand to hand combat in the battle of Trenton. In religious faith he was a Lutheran. He was twice married, the grandmother of our subject having been a Miss Peiffer, of Reamstown this county, and they had three sons and two daughters.

John C. Snyder, our subject's father, was reared among strangers, and in boyhood learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a livelihood. The principal part of his life was passed in Strasburg and Paradise Townships, but for the last fifteen years of his earthly career his home was in Columbia. By his marriage with Jane Givin, he had a family of twelve children, namely: Anna, Elim G., John W., Margaret, Oliver, Salome, Martha, Elmira, Emma, John S., Edwin and Addie. The father, who was a Republican, and one of the officers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, died when in his ninetieth year, but his wife is still living, being eighty-four years of age. The family is noted for longevity, and a brother of the grandfather, Andrew Snyder, lived to be one hundred and six years old.

Elim G. Snyder was born October 27, 1832, in Paradise Township, this county, and was educated in the district schools of Upper Leacock Township, which he attended very irregularly. When nine years old he went to live with David Renno, a farmer, to whom he gave his services until becoming of age. He was then an employe of the implement manufacturers, H. & A. Stoner, in Lancaster, remaining with them for thirteen years and becoming manager and salesman. On the death of Abram Stoner he was made a member of the firm, the partnership continuing for two years. At the end of that time Mr. Snyder obtained a position with George M. Steinman & Co., and was for seventeen years in the employ of that company. In 1882 he embarked in the grocery trade at his present location and is doing very well in this line. He is very industrious, persevering and steady, as

may be seen readily by the long years of service which he gave to his employers, who considered him a valuable man, and since opening in business for himself he has brought to bear upon his affairs the same sturdy characteristics.

Mr. Snyder has been twice married, the first time to Susan Craner, December 24, 1857. The lady was born December 15, 1830, and died February 15, 1861. On the 11th of October, 1864, Mr. Snyder wedded Susannah S. Rowe, whose birth occurred March 14, 1835. Her father was Daniel Rowe, formerly a resident of Willis Street, Lancaster. Mr. Snyder has long been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and socially is a Mason, belonging to Lancaster Lodge No. 43. He is Secretary of the Conestoga Mutual Live Stock Insurance Company.



**T**OBIAS LANDIS. The Landis family is very well known in Lancaster County, as ancestors of the present generation settled here when the county was new and when only Indians with a few white settlers were the inhabitants. For about two hundred years they have been actively engaged in the upbuilding and progress of the county, which they have literally helped to change from a wilderness to a garden spot. The subject of this narrative owns and occupies one of these homestead farms, which has been handed down from remote times, and which comprises one hundred and sixty-two acres in Pequea Township, the nearest postoffice being Millersville. This farm, though never given up by the Landis family, has been since 1826, a period of sixty-eight years, in the hands of tenants, but nevertheless has been so well conducted and supervised that it is one of the best farms hereabout.

Tobias Landis was born December 24, 1824, in what is now Pequea Township, near Willis Street, Conestoga. His parents were John and Anna (Hoover) Landis, who removed when our subject

was two years old to what is known as the Landis Mills. There the father purchased one hundred and four acres, and on this farm the boyhood of young Tobias was passed, and from his early years he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He lived on the same old homestead from 1826 to 1875. Mr. Landis also owns a farm adjoining the old home place, a tract of twenty-three acres, and in addition to this, he is the proprietor of a house on Willow Street, which he now rents to tenants.

The Landis family is fully represented elsewhere in this work, particularly as regards their remote ancestors, who came here from Switzerland. His brothers, Jacob and David, are also elsewhere spoken of in this record. In his political convictions Mr. Landis is a Republican and actively interested in the welfare of his party. He has served in various local positions of honor and trust, and is a stockholder in the Willis Street, the Marietta, the Millersville and Lancaster, the New Danville and the Beaver Valley Pike Companies. Following the faith of his forefathers, who were persecuted and obliged to leave their native country, Switzerland, on account of their religion, he holds membership with the Old Mennonite Church. Personally he bears an excellent reputation for strict veracity, upright conduct and general good qualities, which have endeared him to all with whom he has come in contact.



**H**ARRY H. ALBRIGHT, who in February, 1894, was appointed Assistant Postmaster under John E. Malone, in Lancaster, is one of her enterprising young business men. He is a native of this city, his birth having here occurred December 21, 1861. He is of German descent, his paternal great-grandfather having been born in the Fatherland. His grandfather, George

H. Albright, lived in this city nearly all of his life, and followed the carpenter's trade. Politically he was a Democrat, and as an adherent of the Lutheran denomination, belonged to the old Trinity Church. In his young manhood he wedded a Miss Hensel, and to them were born the following children: John B., William E., George H., Jr., Emily and Christiana. The eldest daughter became the wife of Dr. Knight, of Lancaster, and the younger was the wife of John Halbach. The father of these children departed this life when in his seventy-second year.

Our subject's father, George H. Albright, was born in Lancaster, August 11, 1833, and received a common school education. He learned the harness-making and saddler's trade, which business he has always followed, but at the present time is living a retired life. Until the War of the Rebellion broke out he was a very active supporter of the Democratic party, but since that time has never voted. He chose for his wife Miss Sarah E. Blackburn, and they became the parents of six children, namely: George H., William, Sarah, Harry H., Albert K. and Mary Caroline, Mrs. George Koehler, of this city. Albert K. is a printer by trade, and Sarah, the third in order of birth, became the wife of Harry Binkly, also a resident of Lancaster. The parents of this family are still living, and are respected citizens of this place.

The education of our subject was obtained in the public schools, which he attended until reaching his seventeenth year. For the next seven years he was employed as a clerk in a grocery business with Charles W. Eckert. For a period of four years and five months he acted in the capacity of letter carrier under H. E. Slaymaker, Postmaster, and as such was first identified with the postal service of the city. Later he entered the employ of John B. Reilly and R. A. Malone, railroad contractors, as a clerk and timekeeper. In the early part of 1894 he received his appointment to his present position as Assistant Postmaster, and has discharged the functions of this office to his own credit and to the satisfaction of the general public. He is a leading young Democrat, and has taken active interest in his party's success.

June 5, 1894, Mr. Albright was married in Mari-

etta, Pa., to Belle S., daughter of Philip Kline, a respected resident of that place. Mrs. Albright was born in Marietta and there grew to womanhood, receiving an excellent education, and is an accomplished and cultured lady.



**M**ICHAEL F. STEIGERWALT is one of the prominent and influential business men of Lancaster, and has done his full share toward the improvement and development of his community. He was for many years actively engaged in business in the city, but he now gives his entire attention to looking after his private interests. He is President of the City Board of Health, and is an exceedingly clever and agreeable gentleman, liberal and public-spirited.

Our subject was born on South Queen Street, this city, October 16, 1831, and is the son of Henry Steigerwalt, whose birth occurred at the same place September 30, 1801. Grandfather Frederick Steigerwalt was also a native of this city, and was born near Willow Street. He worked at the carpenter's trade during his life, and died when a young man. Grandfather Steigerwalt served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and in religious affairs was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church.

The father of our subject learned the trade of a carpenter early in life. Like his honored father, he too was a member of the Lutheran Church, and departed this life in 1878. He was married to Miss Mary Trissler, a native of this city and the daughter of John Trissler, a butcher by trade. He was also the possessor of what was known as Shad Island, and was an expert fisherman and pigeon catcher. Mr. Trissler served in the War of 1812, being a soldier for three years. He was a member of the Moravian Church, and died in 1840. The mother of our subject departed this life when three-score years and ten.

The parental family comprised ten children, all of whom grew to mature years, and five are still

living. William served through the entire Civil War as a member of Company K, Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry. At the battle of Perryville he was wounded in the left shoulder, but did not leave the service. He is now deceased, departing this life in Lancaster in 1885. Samuel, the next in order of birth, was in the nine months' service. Michael F., of this sketch, was the fourth of the family, and until attaining his twelfth year attended the subscription school. Then fitting himself to make his own way in the world, he began learning the carpenter's trade, serving an apprenticeship under Michael and Daniel Erisman. Prior to reaching his majority he engaged in contracting and building on his own account, which business he followed for a time, and then opened up a coal yard at Reikert's Landing, which he operated until 1863. At the same time he worked a stone quarry and carried on a good business as a dealer in ice.

In 1862 our subject, in company with a Mr. Cox, engaged in the manufacture of army wagons, operating together until the fall of 1864, when Mr. Steigerwalt purchased the property where Norbeck now is, and carried on the business alone until 1870. That year he disposed of his interests in this line and began contracting and building, following that business until the fall of 1877, when he again opened up a coal yard, this time on North Water Street under the firm name of Steigerwalt & Son. In 1881, however, he turned his half of the business over to his younger son, and since that time has given his attention to building and selling houses. He has erected over one hundred houses in the city, all of which he has disposed of at a good advance, with the exception of fourteen which he still has in his possession.

Our subject is one of the most prominent men in the city, and is a charter member of the Conestoga Bank, of which he is still Director. He was married in this city in 1852 to Miss Martha Rock, also a native of this county and the daughter of John Rock, a potter by trade, but who is now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Steigerwalt have been granted four children, William H., who is a shoe merchant at No. 1015 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia; Edwin C. and Elmer, engaged in the coal

business in this city, and Bertha, now the wife of H. T. Hays, Cashier of the Orange Growers' Bank in Riverside County, Cal.

Mr. Steigerwalt was elected a member of the Common Council in 1863, and also filled the same position from the Third Ward in 1884. He has been President of the Board of Health for many years, and for a period of twelve years has been Trustee of the Lancaster Cemetery Association. In social affairs he is an Odd Fellow of good standing, with which he has been connected since 1851. He has passed all the chairs in that order, and has been Representative to the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia. He is also a Mason, belonging to Lodge No. 43. As a citizen Mr. Steigerwalt is on the side of every social and moral reform; as a neighbor he is kind, and as a friend staunch and true. The poor and distressed find in him a cheerful helper, to whom no appeal is made in vain.



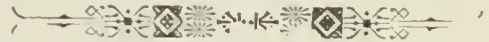
**P**ETER DORSHEIMER is an extensive and successful wholesale liquor merchant. His store is located centrally, at Nos. 150 and 152 East King Street, Lancaster, and he makes a specialty of fine domestic and imported goods. This gentleman was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, July 12, 1840. His father, Peter Dorsheimer, a native of the same locality, was a laborer, and believing that he could better make a livelihood in the United States, set sail for this favored land May 5, 1860, by way of Havre and New York, which point was reached July 5. With his wife and three children he continued his journey to this county, where he located on a farm and became well-to-do. In later life he retired from business, making his home in this city, and here his death occurred at the age of eighty-two years. His wife, who was in her girlhood Anna M. Jenner, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt and was a daughter of Philip Jenner, a fine mechanic and a highly educated man. He was for years engaged in the manufacture of clay stoves

and in similar lines of production. His brother, Dr. Edward Jenner, was the celebrated discoverer of vaccination, which has been such a boon to mankind in the prevention of that dread disease, small-pox. Mrs. Dorsheimer, who came from a wealthy as well as renowned family, was reared in the faith of the Reformed Church, continuing in the same until her death, at the age of seventy-six years. She was the mother of seven children, one of whom lives in Germany, and the others in Lancaster County.

The subject of this record received his education in his native land, and was a young man of nineteen years when he came to America with the other members of the family. His heart has always fondly clung to the Fatherland, and during the past eight years he has made four trips to Germany. On coming to Lancaster County he obtained employment on a farm, devoting himself to agricultural pursuits for about five years. He next turned his attention to the hotel business, becoming owner of the Shendon House in Lancaster. After a time he went to Soudersburg, but later returned to this place. Becoming identified with the real-estate business, he bought considerable property and erected residences on the same, often employing from eighty to one hundred men in their construction. About this time he first returned to Germany, where he remained for a year, and on coming back to this state, started his two sons in the building business in Philadelphia. Two of his sons are engaged in the carriage and coach business at Coatesville, and two others are in the same line of trade at the Gap. In 1887 Mr. Dorsheimer started in the wholesale liquor trade in Lancaster, having a fine location and keeping in stock the best brands; His store has a frontage of thirty-two and one-half feet and is ninety-six feet in depth, and this space is fully occupied by his bottled goods.

In 1860 our subject was married in this city to Miss Anna E. Stauffer, who was born in Berne, on the Rhine, where she was reared until attaining her twentieth year. By this union twelve children have been born, and not one of the number has been summoned by the hand of death. In order of birth they are as follows: Daniel, Frank, Ada, Harry, George, Mary, John, Lizzie, Benjamin,

Martin, Garfield and Arthur. Daniel and Harry are in business at the Gap; Frank and George are located in Coatesville; John and Martin are in Philadelphia; Lizzie is at Reading; Mary resides in Newark, N. J.; Benjamin is in business with his father, and the others are at home. The parents and older members of the family are attendants of St. Paul's Reformed Church. Politically our subject is an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party.



**F**RED B. FREY is a member of a wealthy family, who have long been noted for their ability as financiers and agriculturists in Lancaster County. The fine farm of two hundred and fourteen acres which he owns is one of the best in Manor Township, and the larger portion of the tract is under cultivation. Upon it are various substantial improvements which he has made since becoming its proprietor. Here his birth occurred October 2, 1855, and here he has passed almost all of his life, the place having formerly belonged to his father.

Jacob Frey, the paternal grandfather of Fred B., was born and reared in Manor Township, and devoted his attention to the management of a farm. In politics he was a Whig, and in religious matters was a man of sincere Christian faith. Of his family of eleven children, Fred, our subject's father, was the eldest. At the time of his death, the latter was one of the most extensive farmers and business men of the county. He owned farms aggregating over seven hundred acres, four of these adjoining, and one of one hundred acres located in Pequea Township. Besides these he owned a house in Manor Township and other property. He was a self-made man, having acquired his fortune by his qualifications of industry, economy and perseverance, and he never abandoned the legitimate lines of trade, holding every kind of speculation in abhorrence. He took great pride in stock-raising, keeping the best grades. Three times married, his

first wife, Elizabeth, bore him seven children. His second marriage was with Fannie Benedick, and they had two children, Fred B., our subject, and Barbara Ann, who died at the age of three years. His third union was childless.

The early education of our subject was obtained in the common schools of Manor Township, where he pursued his studies until reaching the age of eighteen years. To his father he gave his assistance in carrying on the homestead until he had attained his majority, when he was married, but still continued to make his home on the old farm, which he operated for his father until becoming owner of the property. This farm is one of the most valuable and finely located estates in the county, and the air of thrift that pervades the place reflects credit upon the owner.

Mr. Frey was united in marriage with Miss Alice Forrey, who was born in Manor Township. Her father, Henry Forrey, is one of the leading agriculturists and prosperous citizens of this township. Mr. and Mrs. Frey are members of and active workers in the church, and are a worthy couple, who strive by their upright lives to exemplify their religious belief. They have had eight children, as follows: Irene, Katie, Antiss, Forrey, Ira, Minnie, Fannie and Lottie. All are living except Antiss, who died at the age of two years. In his political affiliations Mr. Frey is a very strong Republican, and is zealous in everything pertaining to the welfare of his party. He is a man of progressive ideas, and is in favor of giving to the children of this generation the best possible educational advantages that they may be fitted for the duties of life.



**W**ILLIAM T. HOCH, prescription druggist, has one of the very finest business locations in Lancaster, his store being situated at Zahms Corner, on Penn Square. The proprietor has a large wholesale as well as retail trade and makes a specialty of many reme-

diates and toilet articles which he manufactures and prepares himself. He is thoroughly conversant with chemistry and is a practical druggist and prescription clerk, having a registered certificate to that effect.

The birth of Mr. Hoch occurred at Blue Fields, Mosquito Coast, Nicaragua, December 24, 1865, His father, Rev. J. Hoch, was born in Switzerland and was ordained in London, being sent as a missionary to Central Africa by the Episcopal denomination. On account of poor health he was obliged to resign, and returned to London, whence he came to America. In 1859 he went as missionary to the West Indies, where he was actively engaged in work for about ten years. On his death, in 1869, his remains were placed to rest at St. Thomas, West Indies. He had married in Lancaster Miss Frances Erisman, a native of this city. Her father, Daniel, was also born in this place, followed the occupation of carpentering and building, and was a large contractor. He was a member of the Moravian Church, in the faith of which he died when seventy-two years of age. Mrs. Hoch is still living, her home being in Lancaster, and of her six children William T. is the fourth in order of birth. His boyhood was principally passed at St. Kito, in the West Indies, until 1870, when with his mother he came to Lancaster.

For some years Mr. Hoch was a student in Nazareth Hall, where he completed the scientific course and graduated in 1881. From 1882 to 1883 he pursued a special course in chemistry at the same institution, and in the last named year became a clerk with a Lancaster druggist. On the 4th of November, 1889, he bought out H. B. Cochran and started in business for himself on North Queen Street. March 15, 1890, he removed to his present location and has a very large general trade. Among the preparations which he compounds we mention a few which are universally known in this locality for their great excellence: Hoch's Chaptilla, Cochran's Cream of Roses, Cochran's Corn Cure, Cochran's Quinine Hair Tonic, and others.

November 2, 1892, Mr. Hoch was married in Ft. Washington, Montgomery County, Pa., to Miss



Margarey V. Matlack, who was born in Woodbury, N. J., and they have one child, John M. Mrs. Hoeh, who is a cultured and educated lady, is a member of the Episcopal Church, but our subject is identified with the Moravian denomination. Fraternally he belongs to Lamberton Lodge No. 476, F. & A. M., in which he has passed all the chairs. In his political affiliations he is a Republican and is devoted to the best interests of his party. He is public spirited and in favor of everything which will promote the welfare of his fellow-citizen, and his influence is always directed toward this end.



**J**OHAN PONTZ, who in former years was Chief of Police in Lancaster, is one of her successful business men, being proprietor of a bottling works. He was one of the boys in blue who went to the defense of the Union in 1862, when he was only a lad. A very active worker in the ranks of the Democratic party, he has been for years a member of the Democratic Committee from the Eighth Ward, and in everything that has tended toward the progress and development of Lancaster he has been greatly interested. The sixth of a family of fourteen children, our subject was born in this county near the city of Lancaster, August 27, 1845, and is the youngest of five brothers, who were in the Civil War. Mention of his father, George Pontz, will be found in the sketch of his brother, Jacob, which is published in this volume. The boyhood of our subject was passed in this city, where he attended the public schools for a short time. He was only twelve years old when he was apprenticed to George Vogt, now of Harrisburg, to learn the cigar-maker's trade. He worked for that gentleman and for J. L. Frey, of West King Street, until 1862, when he enlisted on the state call for aid in the defense of Antietam and was then out for about a month. In 1864, after the rebels had burned Chambersburg, he joined the

Lancaster mounted troops organized by Captain Hebbel, and went to guard the crossroads on account of the frequent raids of the enemy in that vicinity. At the end of one hundred days he was mustered out, and in February, 1865, on the last call for volunteers, became a member of Company K, of the Seventy-seventh Regiment, in which his brothers, Adam and Jacob, had been from the start. He joined the regiment near Strawberry Plain and served continuously with them until mustered out in Victoria, Tex., in December of the same year. Returning to Philadelphia, he was paid off and finally discharged, January 16, 1866. For the next few years he was employed as a cigar-maker in different parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, and one winter was in Toronto, Canada. Embarking in business for himself in 1870 as a member of the firm of Pontz & Borger, he engaged in the manufacture of and retail trade in cigars on Center Square, in this city. On the expiration of six years the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Pontz engaged in business alone on High Street. In 1877 he was appointed Chief of Police by Mayor McGonigle and officiated in that capacity until February, 1880, when he resigned. His duties as Chief were not particularly agreeable, as he had a great many factions to contend with, and he finds more pleasure and interest in attending to his own private enterprises. Resuming his former occupation, he opened a manufactory on Dorbert Street, where he remained for a time. He later embarked in the hotel business, as proprietor of a house on Dorbert Street, one on West King Street, and for a year operated a hotel at Mt. Joy, in this county.

In April, 1892, Mr. Pontz started a bottling works at Nos. 524-528 Manor Street, where he owns two buildings, with a frontage of sixty-two feet and extending back to La Fayette Street, a distance of two hundred and forty-five feet. In this plant are bottled all kinds of beer, porter, and soft drinks, and two wagons are kept constantly running in order to supply customers' demands.

In Lancaster Mr. Pontz was married in 1869 to Margaret Wolpert, who was born and grew to womanhood in this place. Her father, Peter Wol-

pert, who was a manufacturer prior to the war, enlisted in the First Pennsylvania Reserves; he was wounded at the battle of Antietam and died on the field. Four children grace the union of our subject and wife: Harry, who is in business with his father; Annie E., wife of Charles Feagley, of Jersey City; and Florence A. and Daisy M., who live at home. In his business undertakings Mr. Pontz has displayed good executive ability and has been very successful. Both he and his estimable wife have hosts of sincere friends, who hold them in the highest esteem.



**G**EORGE B. BRESSLER, of Lancaster, is of German descent and one of the best known citizens of this place, being at the present time an Alderman from the Fifth Ward. In the spring of 1892 he was nominated and elected to this position on the Republican ticket and was commissioned by Governor Pattison in the following May to serve for a term of five years. He at once established his office at No. 329 West King Street.

The great-great-grandfather of George B. Bressler was a native of Germany, who came to the United States, settling in Lancaster County. The grandfather, who bore the Christian name of George, was born at Strasburg and was reared to agricultural pursuits. Quite early in life he abandoned farming and became interested in the iron industry. Settling in Mill Hall, Clinton County, Pa., he operated furnaces, manufacturing pig iron extensively until the war came on, when he retired, his death occurring in 1863. The father of our subject, C. H. Bressler, was born in Mill Hall, Clinton County, Pa., and received a good elementary education. Being strongly inclined toward the medical profession he began his studies in that direction and graduated from Jefferson Medical College with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. From 1839 to 1849 he was a practicing physician in Lancaster, during a part of which time he was

associated with Ely Parry, who was a practical dentist. There he became proficient in dentistry, after which he devoted his time to the practice of dentistry and surgery, then removing to Centre County. In 1854 he went to York, making a specialty of dentistry and surgical cases for the remainder of his business career. When seventy-four years of age, he suffered from a stroke of paralysis which resulted in his death. In former years he was a Whig and on the organization of the Republican party became one of its staunch adherents. At one time he was a candidate for Congress from his district and afterward was a candidate for Congressman-at-large. In 1866 he was appointed and commissioned by Governor Curtin as Sheriff of York to fill a vacancy caused by the death of the Sheriff. In the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church he was very active and was a man of such worthy qualities that he was highly respected by every one. His wife, Sarah A., was a daughter of Rev. John N. Tonner, a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, who died at Canton, Ohio. Mrs. Bressler was born in Bellefonte, and became the mother of eight children, all but one of whom are living. She departed this life in 1868, when in her thirty-ninth year.

George B. Bressler was next to the eldest in his father's family, and was born in Bellefonte, Centre County, Pa., April 23, 1867. His early education was obtained in the schools of York, Pa. Afterwards he entered an academy where he remained a short time, and at the age of seventeen years entered the office of the "True Democrat," as an apprentice to the printer's trade. There he remained until June, 1869, when, coming to Lancaster, he entered the employ of Messrs. Piersol & Geist on the *Evening Express*. He continued actively engaged as a printer until 1874, when he entered the Postoffice service as a clerk under Mrs. E. H. Hager, later acting as letter carrier. His time was devoted to this work until September, 1885, when there occurred a change in administration. His next employment was in the watch factory as a jeweler, and then until the spring of 1892 he was agent for a steam laundry.

On the 13th of August, 1874, George B. Bressler married Miss Ella N. Henry, whose birth occurred

in Lancaster. Her father, Benjamin Henry, is an old and respected early settler of this place. To our subject and his wife have been born three children: Elenor, Charles H. and Anna L. Mrs. Bressler, who was reared and educated in this city, is a lady of many amiable and pleasing qualities and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



**R**OBERT M. MORROW. Many of the best public buildings and private residences in Lancaster give evidence of the skill and ability of this gentleman, who is one of the leading contractors and builders in the place. Honorable and upright in whatever he undertakes to do, he merits and has received the confidence of those who know him, and has built up a good reputation in his business. On his own account he has erected several residences and disposed of them to good advantage, and year by year has not only made a good living for himself and family, but by industry and persistence has accumulated a competency.

Born in Centre Mills, Perry County, Pa., June 17, 1823, our subject is a son of Robert Morrow, whose birth occurred in Franklin County, of this state, and who in turn was a son of James Morrow; the latter, a native of the Keystone State, came of an old family here, being of Scotch-Irish descent. The grandfather was a successful agriculturist in Franklin County, near the village of Concord, and there he resided until his demise. The senior Robert Morrow was a tanner and currier by occupation. Near Concord he was for some time engaged in running a mill, which burned down, and after that event he became foreman in the mill in Perry County. Afterwards he was foreman in a tannery at Landisburg, Perry County. At odd times he taught school, being a man of good education and general culture. His death occurred in Landisville when he had attained the good old age

of eighty years. In religious faith he was identified with the Methodist Episcopal denomination. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican. His wife, Mary (Moore) Morrow, a native of the Emerald Isle, came to America when a child with her parents, who made a settlement in Concord. She became the mother of four daughters and two sons, of whom Robert is the youngest, and now the only survivor. The mother was called from this life in 1851, when about sixty-four years of age.

The early years of our subject passed uneventfully in Perry County, his time being spent on the farm and in the tanyard, and a portion of the year in the common school. In 1842 he was apprenticed to a carpenter for two years, after which he did journeyman work for a year, and in 1845 went to Philadelphia. On the expiration of a year he returned home, where he continued until 1847, and in the spring of the following year went to Reading, where he was busily engaged at his chosen vocation for about five years. March 30, 1853, Mr. Morrow came to Lancaster and began his contract work, taking in a partner, the firm being known as Swartzwelder & Morrow. They also started a sash factory on South Water Street, and for twenty-five years this firm continued to gain steadily in the confidence and good will of the public. At the end of that period their connection was dissolved and Mr. Morrow has since continued alone. They built the Children's Home, the main building at Millersville Normal, the Lancaster High School, R. E. Fahnestock's building, and those of John I. Hartman and John R. Diefenbaehs, besides many others well known.

In Reading Mr. Morrow was married March 12, 1850, to Miss Sabina Amanda Swartzwelder, whose birth occurred in the Reaqua Valley, this county, and who was called from this life in 1854. The second marriage of Mr. Morrow occurred March 10, 1857, his wife being Miss Mary, daughter of Henry Flick, an old settler of this city. The latter was a carpenter and contractor, and a very prominent man. Mr. Morrow has a family of three children living, one having passed away. Ella is now the wife of Jacob S. Bitner, of this city; Lillie M. is the second in order of birth, and Bertha, wife of

B. A. Spindler, of Canton, Ohio, completes the number. The residence of the family is at No. 131 East Lemon Street.

For many years Mr. Morrow has been President of the Board of Trustees of Duke Street Methodist Episcopal Church, and superintended the building of that edifice. Also much interested in the Sunday-school work, he was for a long time Superintendent. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and for several terms was a member of the Common Council, serving on different committees, and being President of the Board for one term. A member of the Odd Fellows' society, he belongs to Lancaster Lodge No. 67, of which he is Past Officer, and is a member of Washington Encampment No. 11.



**W**ILLIAM O. FRAILEY. This prominent and much esteemed citizen of Lancaster, is Secretary of the Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and is also proprietor of a well equipped drug store. He was born in this city August 14, 1859, and is the son of Henry L. Frailey, also a native of Lancaster, while his father, whose name was Jacob, was born in Schuylkill County. The latter fought as a soldier in the War of 1812, and spent the remaining years of his life in this city. The great-grandfather of our subject, Hon. Peter Frailey, was born, lived and died in Schuylkill County. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War and was elected to the State Legislature from his county in an early day.

In early life Henry L. Frailey was a school teacher, and after abandoning that occupation was a dealer in mineral water, and subsequently engaged in the real-estate business. He was for many years general solicitor and inspector for the Lancaster Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and during his active life was City Assessor for three terms. He departed this life April 9, 1890, when in the sixty-third year of his age. In re-

ligious affairs he was a member of the Church of God, and in politics always voted for Republican candidates. His wife prior to her marriage was known as Frances Steinecke, and was born in Saxony, Germany. She accompanied her parents to America when only six years of age and is still living in this city, having passed her sixty-sixth birthday.

Of the parental family of seven children, four are now living, of whom our subject is the third in order of birth. He received his education in the common and high schools of his native city, and in 1876 apprenticed himself to learn the drug business under William T. Wylie, with whom he remained for four years, and then going to the Quaker City, entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1882. After receiving his diploma as a druggist he returned to Lancaster and for three years clerked in the store of J. R. Kaufman. In 1885 he began in business for himself, buying the stock of goods belonging to F. J. Burger, and three years later purchased the property. He has since remodeled the store, which is located on the corner of East King and Shippen Streets, and now has one of the best establishments in the city. The building is three stories in height, and the store has full length plate glass windows, in which he displays his goods to advantage. He has an elegant soda fountain, and besides the various medicines keeps on hand a varied stock of trusses, fancy and leather goods, fishing tackle, etc. He manufactures his own tinctures, and has a preparation of wine of iron of his own make, which sells readily.

In 1890, on the death of his father, our subject was appointed to fill the vacancy and has been elected to the position of Secretary of the insurance company each succeeding year. The company was organized in 1861, and the charter was granted by a special enactment of the Legislature. Since 1893 Mr. Frailey has filled the positions of Secretary and Treasurer of Washington National Building and Loan Association, which is one of the reliable institutions of the city.

In 1884 occurred the marriage of our subject with Miss Lizzie, a daughter of Henry Strobel, a native of Tyrol, Austria, who after coming to

America was a brewer in Lancaster. To Mr. and Mrs. Frailey have been born the following named children: Henry E., William O., Jr., Frances M. E., Virginia Edna and Charles Joseph. Socially our subject is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Lancaster Lodge No. 67, in which he has passed all the chairs. He is a devoted member of the First Presbyterian Church, and being a good musician, sings in the church choir. For a number of years Mrs. Frailey was organist at St. Mary's Church of this city. In politics he is a believer in Republican principles and never fails to cast a vote for the candidates of that party. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State Pharmaceutical Association, in which he takes an active interest.



**A**MOS CORNELIUS ROTE, a veteran of the late war, and one of the most worthy citizens of Lancaster, has long been engaged in the undertaking business in this city. He is identified with all movements relating to the general good of the public. He comes from one of the old families of Lancaster County, his ancestors having been of English descent and Moravians in religious faith. His great-great-grandfather on the paternal side lived on the old factory road and operated the first cotton mill in the county, and Grandfather Rote followed agricultural pursuits.

The father of A. C. Rote, George F., was born in this city and learned the chair-maker's trade. Later he started a shop of his own on South Queen Street and in time became one of the largest manufacturers of furniture in the city, having for a branch of his trade the undertaking business. He served as a School Director and as a member of the City Council. Like his forefathers, he was a member of the Moravian Church, and at the time of his death, in 1872, was in his seventieth year. His wife, who was before her marriage Ann Finkebind, was born in this county and was also brought up in the creed of the Moravian denomination.

Their marriage occurred December 4, 1834. Her death occurred in 1881, when she was about seventy-one years of age. Of their eight children only five are living. William, who died in Nashville, Tenn., in 1879, was a soldier in the late war. Rebecca is deceased; George, who was wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville and who was a Sergeant of Company A, of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, died at Philadelphia; Louisa (Mrs. Miller) lives in Lancaster; Amos C. is next; Joseph T. makes his home in Cleveland, Ohio; James B. is a resident of Canton, Ohio. Jacob is a photographer in this city.

The education of our subject was obtained in the common schools of this city, where his birth occurred December 23, 1816. He was still pursuing his studies when the war broke out, and in August, 1862, became a member of Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, enlisting for nine months. He took part in the second battle of Bull Run and the bloody battles of the Rappahannock, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. The term of his service having expired, he was mustered out, but in the fall of 1863 again offered himself for six months and was placed in Company C, Twenty-first Pennsylvania Cavalry. He was Orderly Sergeant on General Kantz' staff until he was mustered out July 11, 1864. Once more the valiant soldier returned to the defense of the flag, re-enlisting in Company E, One Hundred and Ninety-seventh Infantry, and was sent to Rock Island, Ill., where he remained until November, 1864, and was finally mustered out in Philadelphia. On his return home he rested for a time from his labors, and in the spring of 1865 he was about to offer his services again, when Richmond was taken and it did not seem necessary.

The father of our subject having retired from the manufacturing business, our subject continued the same until his father's death, when the four brothers went into partnership. Amos is now the only remaining one in the firm, as two of his brothers are deceased, and the other one resides in the west. Since about 1884 Mr. Rote has been located on the corner of South Queen and German Streets. His rooms are 22x40 feet in dimensions,

and he carries a full line of caskets and coffins and everything pertaining to the business. He is a practical undertaker and embalmer.

In this city Mr. Rote was first married to Anne E. Hubert, a native of this city. She died leaving two children, John Franklin and Harry Cornelius, who are in business with their father; and Elizabeth R., the eldest, died at the age of twenty-three years. The present Mrs. Rote was formerly Mrs. Mary (Carpenter) Roy, whose birth took place in Lancaster.

A Republican of the truest stamp, Mr. Rote is greatly interested in the welfare of his party and is a member of Admiral Reynolds Post No. 405, G. A. R., of which he is a charter member. Besides he is associated with the Knights of Pythias and the Order of Red Men. A man of sterling worth and upright character, he is one of the pillars of the Moravian Church.



**W**ILLIAM L. STORMFELTZ, a practical carpenter and builder, is a member of the firm of J. P. Stormfeltz & Son, of Lancaster, and is numbered among the enterprising young business men of this city. He was born April 12, 1866, in Lancaster, being the son of J. P. and Sarah Elizabeth (Sener) Stormfeltz. The family is well known in this county, in which members of it have resided for over a century. The paternal grandfather of W. L., whose given name was Peter, was a native of this county, born in 1799, and died in 1886, in his eighty-eighth year. He was a wagonmaker by trade, following his calling on the Harrisburg Pike, near the city limits, and during his last years retired from active cares, making his home in Lancaster, where he resided for fourteen years. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and politically was a Democrat. He was the father of three sons and

four daughters, and was a man who merited the respect of all.

J. P. Stormfeltz was born in this county November 5, 1829, and learned the carpenter's trade in Lancaster, which occupation he has followed during his life long residence in this place. For a number of years he engaged in making building supplies on a small scale. In 1868 he started the planing mill on Water Street; this was consumed by fire two years later, and was an entire loss, as there was no insurance upon it. A year later he purchased the site where his present sash, door and blind factory is located. This is a substantial building of brick, two stories in height and 45x70 feet in dimensions, and his business in this line has constantly grown until he often employs as many as twenty-four men. In 1886 he branched into the coal business, employing three teams and five men, and in these varied enterprises he has met with good success. A staunch Republican, he has served as a member of the City Council a number of terms, and also on the Select Council. He and his family are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church, which he has served as Deacon for several years, and at one time he was a member of the Masonic order. His first marriage was with Miss Tressler, and by his union with Sarah Sener he had three children: Clarence, who died at the age of twenty-eight years; William L. and Emma. The parents reside at No. 224 North Prince Street and are respected citizens of the place.

The early years of W. L. Stormfeltz were passed in the public schools of this city, which he attended until seventeen years old. He then commenced assisting his father and learned the carpenter's trade, working at the business for five years. Subsequently he went to California, where he learned stair construction, and was employed in that line for five years. It was on account of failing health that our subject went to the Golden State and there he soon recovered. Owing to his brother's death he was obliged to return to help his father in business, and was immediately admitted as a partner in the firm. They are doing an extensive and rapidly increasing business, their customers being scattered through all parts of the county.

On the 15th of November, 1892, W. L. Storm-





LEVI SENSENIG.



feltz married Miss Alvira F. Keffer, and they have a little son, Richard K. The lady is a daughter of Prof. Washington Keffer, a music teacher of this city. The pleasant home of the family is a brick residence located at No. 507 West Walnut Street. In his political affiliations our subject is a loyal Republican, and in religious belief is connected with the Trinity Lutheran Church.



**L** EVI SENSENIG. This name is a very familiar one in Lancaster County, as members of the family have been identified with the upbuilding of this part of the state since the pioneer days. Three brothers took up large tracts of land, for which they received deeds from William Penn, their property being situated near New Holland, and in that locality their descendants, with few exceptions, have lingered ever since. The subject of this sketch is a resident of Lancaster, having for many years been engaged in wholesale dealing in cattle, his business sometimes having reached nearly \$1,000,000 per annum. At the present time his trade is the largest in Lancaster, and he owns extensive stock yards in the city limits, and is engaged in the construction of an ice manufacturing plant at Reichart's Landing, which will cost upwards of \$25,000.

John Sensenig, the grandfather of our subject, was reared and lived all his life with his father in East Earl Township. He was a farmer and owned a mill in addition to his two farms, being very successful and accumulating considerable wealth. In politics he was a Whig, and his descendants have usually adhered to that party and to its successor, the Republican organization. The great-grandfather of our subject on his mother's side was a commissioned officer in the War of the Revolution, and religiously held membership with the Mennonite Church. Of his eight children, Martin, the grandfather of Levi, died May 25, 1863, aged seventy-one years.

Christian Sensenig, the father of our subject, was a miller, which occupation he followed all his

life, and became quite well-to-do by his dealings in grain. He at different times leased various mills, and in later years bought the Gable Mills on Conestoga Creek near Hinkletown. His death occurred in May, 1863. By his marriage with Susan Rutt, he had fifteen children: John, Levi, Daniel, Henry, George, Isaac, Christian, Christian (the second), David, Susannah, Maria, Mattie, Elizabeth, Lydia and one who died before receiving a name. Maria became the wife of John K. Snyder; Mattie married Martin, a brother of Professor Sensenig, and Elizabeth became the wife of Samuel Martin, who was at one time County Treasurer. The parents of this family were members of the Mennonite Church. Our subject's father was first a Whig and later a Republican, being a warm friend of Thad Stevens.

The birth of our subject occurred August 27, 1834, at Martin's Mills, in this county. His early education was obtained in the district schools of the township, but owing to his earnest desire to embark in commercial pursuits, he left his studies at the age of fourteen years, and entering his father's mill, remained there until nearly reaching his majority. Later he started in business for himself, and when his father died, purchased the mill property, which he operated for one year, and at the end of five years disposed of it. Subsequently he carried on the butcher's business until April, 1867, when he took charge of the County Prison as Steward, holding the office for four years. At that time this was one of the best paying positions in the county. In politics he has always been very active, being one of the leaders in the ranks of the Republicans of the county.

A few years after the close of the war Mr. Sensenig engaged in the stock business, and has sold as many as ninety-six car-loads of cattle in one week, doing as large a business in stock as any man in this portion of the state. He attends the New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg markets, and also has agents in Chicago and western points. In his new ice manufacturing plant twenty tons of first class ice can be made every twenty-four hours, and this product will be of great use in his business. He is interested in real estate, owning valuable property in this city, and also in the surround-

ing country. Among his possessions we mention the Leopard Hotel, the stock yards, the property on which his ice plant is situated, three residences in New Holland, besides a hotel and store, and many others on Willis Street and in other points.

In 1855 Mr. Sensenig married Catherine Snyder, who passed away at the end of a year. Later our subject married Emma Hull, and they have had five children: Daniel, an attorney of this city; Christ, who assists his father in his large business; Harry, who died in 1894, aged twenty-three years; Edwin, whose death occurred when in his seventh year, and Lillie G., at home. Daniel Hull, the father of Mrs. Sensenig, is a prosperous farmer of Earl Township, where her girlhood days were passed.

Starting in life without a dollar, Mr. Sensenig is a thoroughly self-made man, and while still a boy manifested his commercial spirit, first investing his money in chickens and later in stock, and in this manner drifted into his present business. At one time he had ten buyers out on the road selecting cattle and investing for him, and his business has increased year by year at a most marvelous rate. Socially he has belonged to a number of civic societies, among them the Order of Red Men and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but of late years has not been as active in the fraternities as formerly.



**C**HARLES S. MURRAY has for several years been prominent in railroad circles and is considered one of the most faithful employes of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Since 1880 he has been freight and passenger agent at Columbia, and has under his supervision in both the departments some thirty-four employes. Mr. Murray was born at Carlisle, Pa., October 15, 1839, being a son of Charles G. and Margaret (Blair) Murray. The family is of English origin, one William Murray having come to the United States

from the British Isle and settled at Ft. Du Quesne, where Pittsburg now stands, prior to the Revolutionary War. Our subject's grandfather was born at that place and was given the Christian name of George. For many years he followed the trade of a blacksmith in Carlisle, and lived to attain the extreme old age of ninety-four years. In politics he was a Whig, and was a very sincere member of the Presbyterian Church. By his marriage with Polly Denny, he had five children: William B., George L., Charles G., Joseph A. and Priscilla.

Charles G. Murray, the father of our subject, was born at Carlisle, Pa., October 14, 1810, and attended the schools of his birthplace, where he received a good education. He learned the trade of plastering, which he followed for some time, but later in life engaged in the real estate business. His death occurred at Carlisle, which had been his home his entire life. A worker in the ranks of the Whig and Republican parties, he held local offices on various occasions and was a good citizen and a much respected man. In church work he was much interested, and, like his father, belonged to the Presbyterian denomination. He was born in 1810, and by his marriage with Margaret Blair had two children: C. S. and Talbot C.

The subject of this sketch pursued his studies in the public schools of Carlisle and also under private instruction. On leaving school he turned his attention to the dental profession and practiced for a time in Mexico, Mo. Returning east, he was located for about five years in Newport, Pa., and finally, in 1870, embarked in railroading. For about two years he was agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Christiana, and was then transferred to Middleton, where he served in the same capacity for eight years. In 1880 Mr. Murray was made Freight Agent at Columbia, and on the expiration of a year was also given charge of the Passenger Department at this place, which is one of the large business centers of the county, the volume of trade passing through the freight department being very extensive. Mr. Murray is a member of the Mutual Guarantee Building & Loan Association, and is a stockholder in many of the leading industries and enterprises of the community. Politically he is a Democrat, and socially holds mem-

bership with Newport Lodge No. 381, F. & A. M.; Artisans Lodge No. 20, of Columbia; the Quaker City Association of Railroad Men and the International Association of Ticket Agents.

March 15, 1866, Charles S. Murray and Miss Anna Casey were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father, Capt. James Casey, in Harrisburg, Perry County, Pa., and one child, a son, Charles E. P., has come to bless their union. Mr. and Mrs. Murray are very entertaining and hospitable people and make friends wherever they go.



**C**HARLES EDGAR ZORTMAN, a brief sketch of whose life now claims the attention of the reader, occupies the important position of City Regulator of Lancaster. He has ever been true to the duties and responsibilities imposed upon him in his official capacity, and is thus highly regarded by all with whom he has to do.

Our subject was born in Littlestown, Adams County, this state, March 2, 1871, and is the son of Jacob Zortman, a native of Dauphin County, this state. The latter was for many years engaged in railroad work, but after his marriage he removed to Littlestown and established a hotel business. After being thus engaged for some time he took up his abode in Gettysburg and after a stay there of two years, went to Newport, making that place his home until 1885, the date of his advent into this city. He is still living in this city and is engaged in keeping the railroad restaurant in the depot. He is also interested in the Ridley Park Brick Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia, to which enterprise he gives considerable of his time.

The mother of our subject in her maidenhood was Ellen E. Haines, a native of Adams County. Her father, Cornelius B. Haines, was a prominent man in Gettysburg, being a school teacher, surveyor, etc. He departed this life in Lancaster in 1891. The parental family of our sub-

ject included three children, of whom he was the youngest child and only son. He completed his studies in the Lancaster High School in 1887, and passed the examination required of students desiring to enter Princeton College. In the fall of that year he began his studies in the scientific department of that institution, from which he was graduated in 1891 as a civil engineer. While there he was a member of the American Whig Literary Society, and in every department of work acquitted himself with honor.

Immediately after leaving college our subject was taken into the Assistant Engineer's office of the Delaware Division of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad Company at Clayton, Del., where he remained until December, 1892, when he entered the construction department of the Pennsylvania Road, with headquarters at Millin. He served as a member of the engineers' corps until September, 1893, when he returned to this city, and February 8 of the following year was elected by the Council to fill the unexpired term of Col. S. C. Slaymaker, who had died. On the expiration of the term he was re-elected, April 1, and is still the incumbent of the office. Although young in years he is thoroughly competent to hold the responsible office and is giving perfect satisfaction.

In social affairs Mr. Zortman belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and in religious matters is a member in good standing of St. John's Lutheran Church. He is an ardent young Republican and is actively connected with the Republican Club.



**R**EV. JAMES W. MEMINGER, A. B., B. O. R., is Pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church, and is one of the prominent clergymen of Lancaster. He is highly cultured, is a fine orator and lecturer, and his work in this city has been remarkably successful. The church is situated at

the corner of East Orange and Duke Streets, and numbers a membership of about six hundred. Every department of its work is in a very flourishing condition, and during the seven years of our subject's pastorate the membership has been increased from two hundred and seventeen to about six hundred.

Rev. Mr. Meminger was born in Ikesburg, Perry County, Pa., November 9, 1859, and his father, James G., was a native of the same county. The family is of Swiss and German ancestry, and our subject's great-grandfather, Theodore, was an officer in the War of 1812, and a resident of South Carolina. His son, Theodore H., Jr., the next in the line of descent, was born in that state and when young came to the north. For some time he was a merchant in Philadelphia and afterwards removed to Perry County, where he became a large land holder, and there his death occurred in old age. James G. Meminger was a farmer in Perry County, and during the Civil War was a member of the Ninth Army Corps, receiving a slight wound at Petersburg. At different times he held county offices, and his death occurred in the fall of 1892. His wife, Ellen, was a daughter of S. H. Rice, a contractor, builder and architect of Perry County. Mrs. Meminger is still living, and of her four daughters and two sons, our subject is the eldest.

The boyhood days of the latter were passed on his father's farm, and he prepared himself for college in Tuscarora Academy, Juniata County. In 1881 he entered the Sophomore Class of Ursinus College, from which he graduated three years later with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered the Theological Seminary at Ursinus, and graduated therefrom in 1886, at the same time graduating from the National School of Oratory in Philadelphia, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Oratory.

In 1886 Mr. Meminger was ordained to the holy ministry in Chester County, Pa., and for a year was pastor of the church at Vincent. July 1, 1887, he removed to his present charge, where his efforts have been crowned with great success. As a lecturer he has been very successful, and made one of the three centennial addresses in the Academy of Music at the last general synod, which convened

at Reading. He has frequently served as a delegate to conventions and synods of his church and stands well in his denomination.

In 1891 was celebrated the marriage of Rev. Mr. Meminger and Florence Hollinger. She is the daughter of Amos H. Hollinger, a leather manufacturer of this city. She is a graduate of Linden Hall Seminary, and has become the mother of one child, James H. In his political belief our subject is a Republican, and fraternally is identified with the Odd Fellows' society.



**S**AMUEL F. ROTE is a man much respected in business circles, and one who by strict morality and integrity of purpose furnishes an excellent example to others. He is at present engaged in the manufacture of corks in Lancaster, and understanding the business thoroughly, is making of it a success.

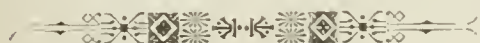
Our subject was born in Lancaster Township, September 6, 1849, and is the son of Samuel Rote, also a native of this county, and a blacksmith by trade. He was engaged in the manufacture of a shovel, harrow and scraper combined, from which he reaped a good income. He is now deceased, passing away April 8, 1887. His wife, known in her maidenhood as Susan Miller, was likewise born in this county, and the daughter of Samuel Miller, a farmer in this vicinity, but now living on the factory road in the city limits. Mrs. Rote is still living and resides on the old homestead. She is a member of the Mennonite Church.

The parental family of our subject included nine children, eight of whom grew to mature years, and all are living with one exception. Our subject, who was the eldest of the household, was reared in Lancaster and educated in the public schools. When a lad of fourteen years he began to work in a cork factory, where he remained for a time, and then worked for eighteen months at the blacksmith's trade. At the end of that time, however,

he returned to the factory and has made the manufacture of cork his business ever since. He was soon promoted to be overseer of the work rooms, and when only eighteen years of age, superintended the placing of the machinery.

In the spring of 1894, Mr. Rote began in business for himself, and being acquainted with every detail of the work, we predict for him a successful future. He is the inventor of the automatic, self-feed cutting machine, in which he sold a one-half interest to Levi Landis, and after securing the patent sold the right to a New York syndicate. He has also invented a device for hand cutting corks, which is found to be very useful in his business. Mr. Rote manufactures a fine quality of cork, and has his place of business located at No. 116 East Vine Street.

The original of this sketch was married on Christmas Day 1873, to Miss Rachel Shaeffer, a native of this county, and to them has been granted a family of five children, namely: William, at home; Daisy, working in the caramel factory; Bessie, Walter and Blanche. Socially our subject belongs to the Order of Red Men and the Mutual Reserve Insurance Company of New York. In politics he is an ardent Republican.



**R**EV. PERCY J. ROBOTOM, A. M., is Rector of St. James' Church of Lancaster, one of the oldest and most influential congregations in the city. He is also President of the Board of Trustees of Yeates Institute, and is President of the Board of Trustees of the Bishop Bowman Church Home. Under the intelligent, loving and watchful care of its pastor, every department of work in St. James' Church is in a flourishing condition, and it is felt to be a power for good in the community.

The early years of Rev. Mr. Robotom were passed in New York City, where his elementary education was obtained. He completed his liter-

ary studies in Hobart College of Geneva, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1881 with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. The next two years he was on the force of the *New York Tribune*. On concluding to enter the ministry, he pursued his studies in the General Theological Seminary of New York, where he remained until his graduation in 1886. On Trinity Sunday of that year he was made a Deacon in St. John's Church, Jersey City, by Thomas A. Starkey, Bishop of Newark.

The first parish of which our subject took charge was that of Tioga, Pa., where he went in March, 1887, having also under his supervision a number of missions in the surrounding country. After spending two very pleasant years there, he was called to Christ's Church in Towanda, Pa., as the successor of William E. Wright. On the 1st of April, 1890, he preached his first sermon for this congregation, succeeding Rt. Rev. Cyrus F. Knight, D. D., LL. D., who had officiated in this pulpit for over a decade.

St. James' Church was founded in 1741, when Rev. Richard Locke took charge of the parish, but the present title of the church was first given in 1753. Following are the names of the Rectors who have served from the organization of the parish up to the present time, and the dates of their accession to the charge: Rev. Richard Locke, 1744; Rev. Joseph Craig, 1751; Rev. Thomas Barton, 1759; Rev. Joseph Hutchins, 1783; Rev. Elisha Rigg, 1791; Rev. Joseph Clarkson, 1799; Rev. W. A. Muhlenberg, 1820; Rev. Levi S. Ives, 1826; Rev. Samuel Bowman, 1827; Rev. J. Isidor Mombert, 1861; Rev. E. S. Watson, 1869; Rev. Cyrus F. Knight, 1877; and Rev. Percy J. Robotom, 1890. The congregation comprises about five hundred members, who are all active and interested workers in the various charitable and religious institutions connected with the church, as well as in its regular departments of activity. Among these outside interests are St. James' Orphan Asylum, under the supervision of Mrs. J. S. Messersmith, President of the Board of Managers; the Bishop Bowman Church Home, of which Mrs. William P. Brinton is President of the Board of Managers; St. James' Chapel, on the corner of South Lime and

Locust Streets, and Yeates Institute, which has the Rev. Montgomery R. Hooper, M. A., as head master. The benevolent and spiritual work carried on in the parish by the pastor and congregation of St. James' Church is of great importance and untold benefit. The church has recently been remodeled, and many improvements made in the interior arrangement.

In 1887 Mr. Robottom married Martha, the youngest daughter of J. C. Kent, a resident of Phillipsburg, N. J., who was for some time Superintendent of the Andover Iron Works, also President of the American Sheet Iron Company and Director and Vice-President of the First National Bank of Philadelphia. The young couple have been blessed with four children, namely: Kent, Frances, Mary and William K.



**J**ONAS F. EBY. Lancaster has its full quota of vigorous, enterprising, thoroughgoing business men, whose popularity is based both upon their social qualities and on their well known integrity and business activity. None among these is better liked by those who have dealings with them, than the gentleman whose name heads this sketch, and who is carrying on a fine trade as wholesale commission and grain merchant in Lancaster in company with Mr. Eshelman.

Our subject was born in Penn Township, this county, May 1, 1853, and is the son of John N. Eby, also a native of Lancaster County, as was also his father, who bore the name of Jonas. The father of our subject was a farmer by occupation, and also dealt extensively in horses, having many fine animals on his estate. He is still living, although retired from active work, making his home at No. 20 East Walnut Street, this city. He served for many years as Justice of the Peace, and was ever ready to aid in benevolent work.

Mrs. Charlotte (Becker) Eby, the mother of our

subject, was also born in Penn Township, and reared a family of two children, of whom Jonas F. was the elder. His sister, Charlotte, is now the wife of D. H. Engle, of Mt. Joy. The original of this sketch enjoyed the privileges of obtaining a good education, and remained at home until two years after attaining his majority. He was then married, and located on the farm where his birth occurred in Penn Township. This he afterward sold, and purchased one hundred and thirty acres in Fulton Township, this county, which he later traded, and located in this city. Two years later Mr. Eby engaged in buying and selling grain, and buying out B. B. Hostter, has ever since continued shipping grain on the Pennsylvania Road. In 1892 he added feed, hay and straw to his grain business, having his establishment located at No. 214 North Queen Street. In October, 1893, he took in as partner a Mr. Eshelman, and the firm is now known as Eby & Eshelman.

The marriage of our subject occurred in 1875, at which time Miss Myra L. Weidler became his wife. She was the daughter of George Weidler, and by her union with Mr. Eby has become the mother of two children, B. Frank, who was graduated from the high school in 1892, and now a student at Yale College, and Lillie May. The family occupy a beautiful residence at No. 432 North Lime Street, and move in the best circles of society in the city. Mr. Eby is a strong Republican in politics, and belongs to the Philadelphia Commercial Exchange. He is a man of strong convictions, and as an earnest, and public-spirited citizen commands the regard of all his friends and neighbors.



**E**DWARD F. FRAILEY, Superintendent of the Lansing Water Works, is engaged in the manufacture of cigars. While living in Philadelphia he was a member of the State Militia for seven years, enlisting in 1873 in Company B, First Pennsylvania National Guards. The following year they were called out to quiet disturb-

ances caused by a strike at Susquehanna Station. In 1877 the Molly Maguire riots occurred, and two years later the "boys" were sent to Pittsburg, at the time of the railroad riots.

Our subject was born in this city April 5, 1856, and is the son of William Frailey, also a native of this place, while the grandfather of our subject was born in Schuylkill County. The brother of the latter-named gentleman was State Senator from the above county, and the great-grandfather of our subject, Hon. Andrew Frailey, was Representative to the first Legislature which met in Lancaster. He was also a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

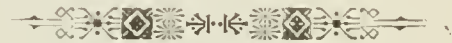
Grandfather Jacob Frailey was a coppersmith by trade, and served as a soldier in the War of 1812. William Frailey was a comb manufacturer, in which occupation he was engaged from the age of ten years. He has passed his entire life in his native city with the exception of one year spent in Pittsburg. He is still engaged in business, and has reached the age of seventy-four years. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and has voted for the candidates of that party since its organization. He married Miss Leah Greenawalt, a native of Manor Township, this county, and a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

The parental family of our subject included eight children, five of whom are living. Edward F. received his education in the common schools, and when a little past ten years of age began learning the trade of a cigarmaker. He went to Philadelphia, and after spending nine years thus occupied in that city returned to Lancaster, where he has since carried on a profitable business. His establishment is located at No. 874 North Queen Street, and Mr. Frailey does a wholesale trade in that line in this part of the county.

In 1889 Mr. Frailey was elected to the responsible position of Superintendent of the water works, and was re-elected each succeeding year until 1892, when the change in administration caused him to lose his position. He then engaged in the manufacture of cigars at the old stand. In April, 1894, he was re-elected by the City Council to fill the office of Superintendent of the water works. Our subject was married in 1880 to Miss Hager S.

Eshleman, a native of this city and the daughter of Edward Eshleman, who died while in the late war. Three children have been the result of their union: William, Blanche and Brunner.

In social affairs Mr. Frailey belongs to Lodge No. 68, K. of P., and to Lancaster Council No. 912, Jr. O. U. A. M. He has always been deeply interested in the welfare of the community, and for two terms served efficiently as a member of the Common Council from the Ninth Ward. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the County and City Committees.



CHARLES F. ADAMS, who is one of Lancaster's popular and enterprising young business men, is justly entitled to space in this connection for a biographical notice, as well as something concerning his candy factory and wholesale business. He was born on the 22d of September, 1871, at Lancaster, and is the son of B. Frank Adams, who was a native of the same county. The grandfather, William Adams, was born in Germany and removed to Lancaster, where he died. Our subject's father was a wheelwright by trade, and was in the employ of the Adams Express Company for twenty-six years. During the Civil War he worked at his trade, and was in the Government employ for four years at Washington. He served in the three months' call of President Lincoln in the First Pennsylvania Infantry, and as a member of the Regimental Band. He was an active man and represented the Seventh Ward for six years as a member of the Common Council, being elected on the Democratic ticket.

Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Haines, was born in Lancaster and was the mother of six children, Charles F. being the second child. He was reared in Lancaster, where he had the advantages of the excellent public schools, and was graduated from Lancaster Business College when sixteen years of age. After-

ward he learned his trade under Joseph R. Royer, a confectioner on West King Street. He remained with him until the 1st of February, 1891, when he began the manufacture of and wholesale dealing in candy at No. 648 South Queen Street. He soon extended his business and was compelled to move, April 8, 1893, to his present location, where he has a building 35x35 feet, two stories high, in which he carries on his business. He also had an excellent retail business on the corner of Walnut and North Queen Streets, which he closed out April 1, 1894. He manufactures all kinds of show case goods, doing a jobbing business which extends over Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland and West Virginia. He employs five traveling salesmen and one who looks after the local trade in Lancaster. At the present writing our subject is adding to his building and is enlarging his business so as to be able to meet his constantly increasing business.

While our subject is an active business man he has chosen that "better part" and is a consistent member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, of which he has been a Deacon, and is President of the Earnest Workers' Society. Politically he is affiliated with the Democratic party.



**E**DWARD BARNHOLT, proprietor of the bowling alley located in the Globe Hotel, was formerly a detective of no mean ability, as his record in Lancaster shows. His first duty as an officer was when he was detailed at Ft. Dick's to capture John Atzerodt, one of the conspirators in the killing of Abraham Lincoln. He is a clever, large, handsome man, and very popular among all classes in the city.

Our subject was born in Philadelphia, November 8, 1846, and is the son of William Barnholt, also a native of that city, where his birth occurred in 1799. Grandfather George Barnholt was likewise a native of the Quaker City, and served as a soldier in the War of 1812. The father of our sub-

ject followed the trade of a butcher in his native city until his decease, in 1864. The lady to whom he was married bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Springer, a native of Spring Garden, Philadelphia. She is also deceased, passing away in 1857.

The parental family of our subject included twenty-four children, eighteen of whom grew to mature years, and seven are living at the present time. Five sons participated in the late war. George served in the navy from 1859 to 1877; he is now deceased. Frederick was a member of the First Pennsylvania Regiment. Dallas was a member of Sherman's army; Henry belonged to the Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania Regiment; and our subject, who was the fourth youngest in the family, served in the Two Hundred and Thirteenth Pennsylvania Regiment.

Edward Barnholt was reared in the city of Philadelphia, where he received a good education in the public schools. Later he was occupied in teaming, and was engaged in taking provisions to the soldiers, when he was captured on one occasion by Kirby Smith, and on being released went to Sandy Hook, thence to Washington, where he secured another team and went over the same ground. February 21, 1865, our subject enlisted as a member of Company H, Two Hundred and Thirteenth Pennsylvania Infantry, and was mustered into Camp Cadwalader. He was at Ft. Dick's at the time of Lincoln's assassination, and was detailed by the captain of his company to put a ball and chain on one of the conspirators, Atzerodt, captured by Company K, Two Hundred and Thirteenth Infantry.

Our subject was honorably discharged at Philadelphia, in November, 1865, where he was engaged until June, 1869, training horses. That year he came to Lancaster, still employed in the same business. In 1883, however, he was appointed on the police force, and after a service of four years was placed on the detective force. He is very shrewd and quick to act, and has been the means of bringing to light the perpetrators in many a foul murder.

In January, 1894, Mr. Barnholt opened the bowling alley in the Globe Hotel, which he is op-



erating at the present time with wonderful success. He was married in this city, in 1871, to Miss Emma Winters, a native of this city and the daughter of Cyrus Winters, a prominent merchant tailor. Their union has resulted in the birth of eight children: William S., Cyrus W. and Adam, telegraph operators; John S., Hay B., Mabel, Emma and Helen. In politics our subject is a straightforward Republican, and takes a great interest in the success of his party. He is a member of Adam Reynolds Post No. 405, G. A. R., of which he was one of the organizers.



**T**HOMAS A. DEEN is a practical electrician and machinist and was the first electrical engineer in Lancaster. In the Grand Council of Pennsylvania of the order of American Steam Engineers he has held the high position of Senior Master Mechanic and has been a member of the organization for many years. He was a charter member of Fulton Council No. 10 and has represented the same in the Grand Council since the formation of the branch.

Mr. Deen was born in this city May 27, 1853, and is a son of Thomas Deen, also a native of this county, whose history is given in that of his son, Squire David L. Deen, which is printed elsewhere in this volume. Our subject is the youngest in his father's family and was given good public and high school advantages. When fifteen years old he was apprenticed as a cabinet-maker with Major Ricksecker, of this place, and remained under his instruction for some five months. This pursuit not being exactly to his taste he tried coach-making for S. B. Cox, and later served a full apprenticeship as a machinist for the firm of Heuple & Huber. Subsequently he worked as a journeyman and was employed in the mechanical department of the Lancaster Manufacturing Company.

In 1874 Mr. Deen became Assistant Engineer at the water works, where his brother David L. was

then Chief, and for the next three years he continued in the capacity of assistant. Then going to Philadelphia he was with the Baldwin Locomotive Works until the fall of 1876, when he returned to Lancaster. The next two years were passed in the employ of Joseph H. Huber and the next year he was machinist for John Best. In January, 1879, he became foreman of Turner Bros.' tobacco warehouse. At the end of two years he entered the United States Electric Lighting Company on Church Street, where he was for five years Chief Engineer. For a like period of time he was electrical engineer for the Edison Electro Illuminating Company. Since July, 1893, he has been in business for himself, having an office at No. 41 East King Street, where he makes a specialty of all kinds of electric wiring, bell work, electric lighting, etc.

In 1872 Mr. Deen married Miss Mary Snyder, who was born in this city, and here has spent the main portion of her life. She is a daughter of Henry Snyder, an old and respected citizen of this place. To Mr. and Mrs. Deen were born five children: Frank S., who was graduated in the Class of '94 from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy; Harry D., a practical printer; Edward F., now learning the drug business; Arthur M. and Catherine. The family residence, which is owned by Mr. Deen, is pleasantly situated at No. 5 Locust Street. In religious faith our subject is a Presbyterian, but his wife is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and in politics is a Republican.



**J**OHAN H. MISHLER, a prominent native of Pennsylvania and an enterprising and prosperous business man of Denver, was born on a farm in East Cocalico Township, September 18, 1847, and is a son of Daniel and Catherine (Hagy) Mishler. The father and grandfather were both farmers and were born and reared in Pennsylvania, where they spent their entire lives. Dan-

iel Mishler became the father of six children, as follows: Eliza, the wife of Henry Houck, a farmer of West Cocalico Township; Maria, who died in August, 1865; a son who died in infancy; John H., our subject; William H., now in charge of the main office of telegraphers for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, and Mahlon H., a minister of the Reformed Church at Pottstown, this state.

Our subject was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the common schools of this vicinity. He remained on the homestead assisting in the various duties thereon until he was sixteen years of age. He then started out for himself and first found employment as brakeman on the Reading & Columbia Railroad, and afterward was made conductor on a freight train, which position he held for three years. When only nineteen years of age Mr. Mishler took a trip through the west and settled in Cleveland, Ohio, for a time, and while there served on the police force in the Eighteenth Ward for five years.

In 1886 Mr. Mishler returned to Denver, Pa., and embarked in the drug business. With Dr. I. B. Hacker, a prominent physician of this place, he started a drug store and for two years did a large and lucrative business. At the end of that time he bought out his partner, and has since ably conducted the store himself. He is well known and highly respected in the community in which he lives, and has the confidence and esteem of all. Our subject has never cared to exchange the independent life of a bachelor for the uncertainties of matrimony.

Politically Mr. Mishler is a staunch Republican, but has never aspired to public office. Socially he is identified with a number of lodges and societies, being a member of Chandler Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M., of Reading, Pa.; Baker Chapter No. 139, R. A. M., of Cleveland, Ohio; Washington Camp No. 13, P. O. S. of A., of this city; Reading Commandery No. 42, K. T.; Cocalico Lodge No. 408, I. O. O. F., of Reamstown, Pa., and Standard Lodge No. 46, K. of P., of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Mishler remembers Denver when there were but three houses in the place; he has watched its upward growth and development from that time and has ever been one of the first to lend a helping hand in

matters of public welfare and improvement. Mr. Mishler is a man of good business ability and upright character and fully possesses the high regard of the entire community by whom he is surrounded.



REV. CHARLES ELVIN HAUPT, A. M., is the very popular and efficient pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, of Lancaster.

This congregation is the outgrowth of the old Trinity Church, and the present structure was erected about 1872. The members comprise many of the best and most prominent people of this city, and the Sunday-school is the largest in the county. The pastorate of Rev. Mr. Haupt has been blessed with very great success from the first, and he is a power for good in this community. A man of broad and liberal views, of wide intelligence and research, he has often been called upon to give lectures and sermons in different cities, and in order to advance any worthy benevolence or enterprise his influence and aid are eagerly solicited.

A native of Harrisburg, Pa., the subject of this sketch was born October 6, 1852. His paternal grandfather, whose Christian name was Jacob, was born in Baden, Germany, and came to America when a single man. Locating in Philadelphia, he became a wholesale grocer, furnishing supplies for merchant vessels in the War of 1812. He retired from business after acquiring a substantial fortune, and while traveling from New York to Albany on a steamer proceeding up the Hudson River, was suddenly taken sick and died before arriving at his destination. His son, Lewis L., the father of C. E. Haupt, was born in the Quaker City, where he received a good education and attended the high school. For fifteen years he was general ticket agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, resigning his position in order to engage in the coal business in Philadelphia. At one time he was President of a life insurance company,

and is now visiting agent and one of the officers of the House of Refuge. He is a devout Lutheran in religious faith, as was his father before him, and politically is a Republican. During the war he was in the Sanitary Commission, and one of his uncles, Gen. Herman Haupt, now of St. Paul, Minn., was a general in charge of an emergency corps in the Army of the Potomac. Though in his sixty-ninth year, Lewis L. Haupt is very active, and spends all of his time in traveling in the interests of the House of Refuge.

In 1849 our subject's father was united in marriage with Louisa C. Keller, who was born in Carlisle, Pa. Her father, Rev. Benjamin Keller, was a native of Lancaster County and a very prominent minister in the Lutheran Church, having held charges at Carlisle, Gettysburg and Philadelphia, in which latter city his death occurred. One of his sons, Rev. Muhlenburg Keller, was founder of the St. James' Church, at Reading, Pa., and a step-son, Rev. Dr. Charles W. Shaefer, is President of Mt. Airy Theological Seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Haupt became the parents of three sons and two daughters: William K., a Philadelphia banker; Henry E., a jeweler of New York City; Fannie G. and Mary L., the latter Mrs. Conroroe, and both of Philadelphia; and Charles E., the eldest of the family. The mother, who was reared to womanhood in Gettysburg, is still living.

The early education of our subject was received in the public schools of Philadelphia, and in the year 1872 he was graduated with honors from the University of Pennsylvania, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and subsequently his Alma Mater bestowed upon him the additional degree of Master of Arts. Three years later he was graduated from the Philadelphia Theological Seminary, and was ordained at Norristown by Dr. Greenwald, President of the Synod. The latter called him to be his assistant in Christ Lutheran Church, of this city, and in that capacity he served until January, 1880, when he accepted his present charge. The Grace Lutheran Congregation was organized in 1874, and the building is located at the corner of James and North Queen Streets. There are now enrolled nearly seven hundred members, and all departments of church work are in a flourishing

condition. In January, 1888, the Emanuel Mission Chapel was established at the corner of West Walnut and Prince Streets. The Sunday-school of the Mission numbers one hundred and thirty-five pupils, and the work in that locality is meeting with encouraging success.

January 15, 1878, Mr. Haupt was married in this city to Mary M. Geissinger, who was born in Huntingdon County, Pa., where her father, who is now deceased, was a prominent farmer. Our estimable subject and his wife have one son, Charles E., Jr. In his pastoral work Mrs. Haupt has been of great assistance to her husband, and, as far as possible, shares his duties and cares. For some time Dr. Haupt was Secretary of the Lancaster Conference of the Pennsylvania Synod, and for some years has been President of the City Bible Society. One of the organizers of the Lancaster General Hospital, he is still a Director in the same and much interested in its prosperity. In political faith he votes with the Republican party on questions of national moment.



**J**OSEPH LODER, a successful business man of Columbia, was born March 10, 1846, in the village of Wertsburg, Unterfranken, Bavaria, Germany, being a son of Nicholas and Josephine (Bachman) Loder. The family of which he is a member was one of the oldest and most influential of Bavaria. His paternal great-grandfather was born in the province of Hessen, which, since the Napoleonic Wars has been included in the kingdom of Bavaria. He was a man of powerful frame and stalwart physique, whose unusual height (six feet, seven inches) made him conspicuous among the other officers who served under the first Napoleon. In religious belief he was a Catholic.

The paternal grandfather of our subject bore the name of Thomas Loder, and followed the occupation of milling in Bavaria. In matters of a public

nature he took a prominent part, and during the revolution in Germany was a staunch loyalist. For twelve years he was a member of the city magistracy. By his marriage were born four sons, Louis, Charles, Valentine (who died at the age of thirty-one), and Michael. The last-named was a native of Bavaria, where he received a good education. He was a man of high standing in his community, and was respected by all who knew him. His occupation was that of milling, in which he was very extensively engaged, giving employment to about one hundred and forty men. Successful in his undertakings, he accumulated a valuable property and was one of the most prosperous men of his community. In his views he was aggressive, and was staunch in his support of Republican principles. For twelve years he was a member of the City Council, and at all times took a very active part in municipal affairs. Like his father, he was a man of massive frame, and over six feet in height.

In the family of Nicholas and Josephine Loder, there were six children, namely: Valentine, Joseph, Henry, Anna, Ida and Carrie. The father died in December, 1874, at the age of sixty-three years; the mother passed away in 1889, when seventy-six. Joseph received his education in the public schools of Bavaria, spending two years as a student in a grammar school. At the age of twenty years he was drafted into the army, but did not see much active service, as with three companions he left Germany, March 29, 1867, and crossing the ocean located in New York City. Having learned the trade of a stone cutter, he secured employment at that occupation, in which he was engaged in New York for two years, and afterward in Newark, N. J., for seventeen years. From the latter city he went to Atlantic City, where for eight years he was interested in the bottling business, and also conducted a hotel. Next we find him a traveling salesman for a wholesale house in Philadelphia, and while filling this position he learned that the Columbia Brewery was for sale. He investigated the matter and negotiated for the property, which he has since owned. Soon after its purchase he formed a partnership with John Kazmaier, and the firm of Loder & Kazmaier has since conducted a general business, employing fifteen

men. In addition to this enterprise, Mr. Loder is also a stockholder in the Columbia Lace Mill.

In politics a Republican, Mr. Loder has taken a deep interest in the welfare of his party and the progress of the city. He has represented the Third, Eighth and Ninth Wards in the City Council, and is a member of that body at the present time. His religious affiliations are with the Catholic Church, and he is a prominent member of Trinity Catholic Beneficial Society. May 3, 1867, he was united in marriage with Miss Rosalie Grisman, and unto them have been born eleven children, of whom eight are living, namely: Andy, Joseph, Rudolph, William, Charles, Eva, Caroline and Tillie.



**R**UFUS HAROLD ANDERSON, who is engaged in business at No. 48 East King Street, Lancaster, has a confectionery and ice cream parlor, which is one of the handsomest in the city. His patrons are numbered among the very best, and he has the largest trade by far of any person in a similar line in Lancaster. In the various enterprises and improvements that are constantly set on foot in this ambitious and enterprising place, Mr. Anderson may be always confidently relied upon to give his influence and substantial aid to the promotion of such ideas.

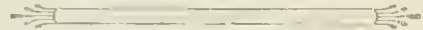
The birth of R. H. Anderson occurred May 17, 1853, at Warrington, Va., and he is of Scotch and German descent. His parents were John Perry and Mary J. (Lenneand) Anderson. The father of the former was a brick manufacturer in the Old Dominion, and was a Whig politically. He died when over eighty years of age. His seven children in order of birth were as follows: Herod, Robert, John P., French, Sumner, Lucy and Molhe. The father of our subject was also a native of Virginia, and in his early life followed the carpenter's trade and engaged in contract work at Warrington. Later he took contracts for buildings and bridges up to the time of his death, which

occurred while he was stopping at Alexandria, in 1879, as the result of the black smallpox. At times during the winter season he had been engaged in the manufacture of ladies' shoes, and prior to his marriage had lived for a short period in Lancaster. He was a Democrat, and served with the Warrington rifle-men during the War of the Rebellion. Afterward he took the oath of allegiance and removed to Lancaster, where he was located for awhile, but returned to Warrington, there spending the remainder of his life. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and when he was called from this life was fifty-seven years of age. His wife died in 1883, aged fifty-one years. They were the parents of the following children: William, Charles and Thomas, who are machinists; Alice, Webb, Godfrey, Waverly; Ralph, who is also a machinist; Rufus H. and Belle.

At the age of eleven years, Rufus Anderson was thrown upon his own resources, owing to the destitution suffered by the family during the ravages of the Rebellion. He entered the employ of a confectioner at Lancaster as an apprentice, and served four years learning the business. Until 1888 he continued with his old employer, Samuel Demuth, then buying out his business at No. 18 East King Street. This building is 16x120 feet in size, three stories in height, and is a substantial brick structure. Mr. Anderson keeps a line of confectionery and similar dainties, running an ice cream parlor in connection, and employing about nine clerks. He has been instrumental in securing lights and street improvements in his ward, and is serving his second term as a member of the City Council from the Third Ward, having been elected both times at the head of the Republican ticket. He is the only member of his family who supports that party, but is well rooted and grounded in his political convictions.

August 17, 1872, Mr. Anderson married Emma, daughter of John Snader, and they have one child, a daughter, Daisy Adelaide. For three years Mr. Anderson has been Warden of the Trinity Lutheran Church, to which he and his family belong. Fraternally he is a member of Monterey Lodge No. 242, I. O. O. F.; Inland City Lodge No. 88, K. of P.; Shifer Council; Junior Order of United

American Mechanics and of the encampment. He is entitled to great credit for the success he has made in life, for he has accomplished this unaided and entirely on the strength of his inherent qualities of industry and perseverance in everything he undertakes.



**W**ILLIAM HAYES GRIER, Superintendent of Public Printing for the state, and publisher of the *Independent*, a weekly newspaper of Columbia, was born in McEwensville, Pa., in the year 1841. His grandfather, Rev. John Hayes Grier, was a native of Bucks County, this state, and was born in 1788. He was graduated from Dickinson College with President James Buchanan, and after entering the ministry was placed in charge of the Great Island and Jersey Shore Circuit. This was in 1811, and he remained in that section until 1851, when he retired, after having been a minister of the Gospel for a period of forty-six years. He departed this life in New Jersey Shore, in February, 1880, at the advanced age of ninety-two years.

The father of our subject, John Hayes Grier, M. D., was born in Brandywine Manor, Chester County, this state, in 1813, and when attaining mature years was graduated from Jefferson Medical College. He practiced first in McEwensville for fifteen years, and in 1855 we find him located in Jersey Shore, whence in 1859 he removed to Nippenose Valley, five miles from Jersey Shore, where he still lives.

Our subject, who is the eldest son of the Doctor, received his primary education in the public schools, after which he attended the academy in McEwensville, which was presided over by Prof. C. L. Rynierson. After spending four years in that institution, Mr. Grier, October 20, 1856, was apprenticed to learn the art of printing in the office of the Jersey Shore *Vidette*. He remained with that paper until 1858, when he accepted a position

to teach school in Clinton County for a term of four months at \$25 per month.

In the year 1859, after closing his school, young Grier removed to Akron, Ohio, where he found employment on the Akron *Democrat*, and remained there until 1861, when, owing to the impending war, he returned to Jersey Shore, and again began working on the *Vidette*. He remained there until Ft. Sumter was fired upon, when he enlisted as a private in the Jersey Shore Rifles, which was known as Company A, Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment. They were assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and passed through all the battles of that division from Dranesville to Cold Harbor, with the exception of Chancellorsville. June 27, 1862, our subject was wounded in the leg at the battle of Gaines Mills, Va., and was confined for six weeks in Ascension Church Hospital, in Washington, D. C. When sufficiently recovered, he rejoined his regiment and participated in the second battle of Bull Run, and in March, 1863, was promoted to First Sergeant, and June 4, 1864, was commissioned Second Lieutenant.

Mr. Grier returned home in the year 1864, on the expiration of his term of enlistment, and became foreman of the printing department and associate editor of the Columbia *Spy*, remaining with that paper until October, 1866, at which time he was nominated by his party for the State Senate against his old Colonel, Joseph W. Fisher, but was defeated, owing to the fact that his party was in the minority. Our subject afterward founded the Columbia *Herald*, printing the first copy on a hand press. He continued thus until the year 1870, when he was appointed traveling agent for the Columbia Mutual Fire Insurance Company. After six months' experience in this line Mr. Grier resigned, and until 1873 successfully conducted a job printing office in the city. That year he purchased the *Herald*, and was employed in its publication until January, 1885, when he sold out his enterprise.

In political life Mr. Grier has long been active, serving his party repeatedly in county and senatorial conventions, and was a delegate to the national convention which nominated Samuel J. Tilden. He served as a member of the state com-

mittee for a number of years, and for a period of eighteen years was on the county committee, and was chairman of that body through the important campaign of 1874. Residing in a county where his party is in the minority, he has done much to preserve its organization. In securing candidates to make the hopeless fight, he was obliged in 1878 to again sacrifice himself when running for the senatorship.

In 1883 William Hayes Grier was a candidate for Auditor General, when many distinguished men were brought forward, and on the second ballot Mr. Grier received the second highest vote. The first political office which our subject held was Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue, to which he was appointed in 1866 by President Johnson. He was subsequently Clerk of the Council for two years, was Tax Collector, and was appointed by Gen. William McCandless, Secretary of Internal affairs in 1875, as Secretary of Bureau of Statistics. Mr. Grier has frequently served his fellowmen in many minor offices, and in 1876 was elected School Director of his district for a term of three years. In 1881 he was Justice of the Peace, and in 1883 was appointed Superintendent of Public Printing by Governor Pattison to fill a vacancy. On the expiration of the term he was re-appointed for a full term, from July 1, 1885, to July 1, 1889, which he served. In 1887 he was tendered the office of Chief of the Southern Division of the Pension Bureau, but declined.

The lady to whom Mr. Grier was married in 1865 was Miss Mary E. White, who died in 1884, leaving two daughters, the elder of whom is married, and the younger is attending school. Our subject is a Mason, and has taken both the blue lodge and royal arch degrees. He belongs to Orion Lodge, I. O. O. F., and was the first Noble Grand of the lodge instituted in 1874. He is an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has been Past Commander and representative in both state and national encampments. He has been a member of the State Editorial Association since its organization in 1869, and in 1888 was President of the same.

The lady to whom our subject was married for his second wife, in 1890, was Miss Annie, daugh-

ter of Gen. William Patton, whose sketch may be found on another page in this volume. Mr. Grier was appointed to his present position as Superintendent of Public Printing in April, 1892.



twenty he received the contract and erected a bridge over the Chickies Creek at Snavelly's Mill and continued bridge building until September, 1861, when he enlisted as a private in Company K, Seventy-ninth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, which was assigned to General Negley's brigade, and become a part of the Western army. He participated in the battles of Bowling Green, Nashville, the move on Chattanooga, and the engagements of that campaign. After General Buell took command of the Western army he was with his regiment on Buell's famous retrograde movement through Tennessee and Kentucky to Perryville, where a fierce battle was fought between the two armies, after which, on account of ill health from exposure in line of duty, he was sent home on furlough. In the winter of 1862 he was subsequently mustered out of the Seventy-ninth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers as Second Sergeant on the surgeon's certificate. In the spring of 1863 he was commissioned First Lieutenant of Company C, Twenty-first Pennsylvania Cavalry, which was a six months' regiment, and assigned to duty in the Shenandoah Valley, Va. At the expiration of the six months' service, and on the re-organization of the regiment at Chambersburg for three years' service, he was authorized by Governor Curtin to recruit a company and was commissioned Captain of Company I, this being the color company of the regiment. During the re-organization of the regiment he was appointed recruiting officer with offices at Lancaster and Harrisburg. After returning with the regiment to the army of the Potomac, he participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, James River, and at the siege of Petersburg. At the battle of Cold Harbor Company I lost two color bearers.

In August, 1864, his regiment was assigned to General Gregg's Cavalry Division, Sheridan's Corps. In the battle of Boynton Plank Road, Va., on the 27th of October, 1864, he was shot in the left leg; after recovering he returned to his regiment at Petersburg. He was also wounded at Black Water Swamp in the arm, and at Dinwiddie Court House by a piece of shell in the hip, but did not leave his command. He participated in the last charge made by the army of the Potomac on

**CAPT. ELIAS McMELLEN**, one of the best known citizens of Lancaster, is the most prominent and successful bridge builder in Lancaster County. His paternal grandfather, Robert McMellen, was a native of the North of Ireland, and emigrated to this country before the Revolutionary War, and took an active part in the struggle. He settled in Lancaster County, Pa., and was engaged in farming. Joseph, a son of Robert McMellen, was a stone mason by trade, and married Barbara, a daughter of John and Barbara (Hess) Derredinger, both of whom were natives of Lancaster County, and of German descent. Capt. Elias McMellen, the son of Joseph and Barbara (Derredinger) McMellen, was born in Conestoga Township, Lancaster County, Pa., November 23, 1838; his mother was left a widow soon after his birth, his father dying in 1841, at the early age of thirty-one and leaving no estate whatever. Captain McMellen, like many another American youth, was the architect of his own future, and he was equipped for the battle of life only by such ordinary common school education as the outlying districts of his day afforded, but he carried into the struggle what no amount of academic training could supply of indomitable pluck, tireless energy and a determination to succeed. These qualities he evinced early in life and the circumscribed conditions of his home being unsuited to their development, he, at the age of fourteen, started into life on his own responsibility, being apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade. In the spring of 1853 he removed to Lancaster, where he worked for some time in a sash factory, and subsequently as a journeyman carpenter at bridge building, and then started on his successful career. At the age of

the morning of Lee's surrender to General Grant at Appomattox, Va. After the surrender the regiment was ordered to Lynchburg, Va., from where Captain McMellen was sent with Companies I and G to Campbell Court House, where he acted as Provost Marshal for some time, when he was ordered to rejoin his command at Lynchburg, where the regiment was mustered out of service July 8, 1865.

Returning to Lancaster after the war he resumed his business as contractor and builder, and at the present time, 1894, is successfully carrying on the business. He has erected both iron and wooden bridges in Lancaster and adjoining counties, and is one of the most successful bridge builders in eastern Pennsylvania. In 1876 he purchased the Exchange Hotel, East King and Christian Streets, and in 1888 enlarged and entirely remodeled the building, since which he has been proprietor. His private residence, one of the handsomest in the city, is at No. 28 East Vine Street.

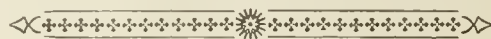
Politically Captain McMellen is an ardent Republican. In 1869 he was elected a member of Select Council and served continuously until 1879, when he was elected Prothonotary of Lancaster County, and served with acceptance for one term of three years. He has been a delegate to state and county conventions on several occasions. In 1880 he was sent as an alternate from Lancaster County to the Chicago convention that nominated James A. Garfield for the Presidency. In 1892 he was re-elected a member of Select Council and again in 1894; he is on the street and several other important committees. He belongs to George H. Thomas Post No. 84, G. A. R., and is a member of the Twenty-first Pennsylvania Cavalry Association, and of the Junior Order United American Mechanics.

When the Lancaster Street Railway was organized he was one of the first promoters, and was a member of the first Board of Directors; he also is a stockholder in the Lancaster Traction Company, and has been identified with many local industries.

Captain McMellen married, September 21, 1865, Annie E., daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Markley) Wenditz, of Lancaster, who was born at

Chestnut Level, November 13, 1841; her father was born August 25, 1810, at Strasburg, Lancaster County, Pa. Their children were Ellie Minerva, Sarah Elizabeth, Joseph Charles, Walter Elias and James Donald. The surviving ones are Sarah E., married to Maurice M. Denlinger, a practicing physician of Lancaster County, and James Donald.

In 1850 the mother of Captain McMellen married John Kneezel, of Montgomery County, Pa. After the death of Mr. Kneezel, the Captain's mother made her home with him at the Exchange Hotel, where she died January 7, 1894, at the advanced age of eighty-two.



**M**ARTIN D. KENDIG, of Manor Township, owns and operates a good farm, comprising fifty acres, where he makes a specialty of raising tobacco, and keeps a fine grade of stock. For eight years he has been Secretary of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society, and for a period of ten years was Treasurer of the same organization. He is a very progressive farmer, holding advanced ideas on the subject of agriculture, and for many years was a member of the Tobacco Growers' Association, of which he was President, and is still a member of the Horticultural Society. Great credit is due to Mr. Kendig for the success he has made in life. His father dying when he was quite young, he was early thrown upon his own resources and obliged to abandon his studies except as he could pursue them by himself. He made the most of his opportunities, however, and became very well informed, and at one time studied medicine with a view to becoming a practitioner, but on account of poor health, abandoned the idea to follow a more active life.

The parents of our subject were Martin and Elizabeth (Mellinger) Kendig. His birth occurred February 5, 1833, on the farm where he still resides, and that of his father took place May 1, 1799, in Manor Township, near Creswell. The







HENRY GERHART.

latter was a farmer, owning about seventy acres, which he engaged in cultivating until his early death, March 30, 1816. He was a member of the Mennonite Church, and was a Republican. His family comprised three sons and seven daughters, Mary, Elizabeth, Susan, Fannie, Martin D., John, Anna, Sarah, Isaiah and Elizabeth. Five of the number have passed away, and the mother, who was born March 1, 1806, died when in her eighty-sixth year.

Martin D. Kendig received a common school education, and for a short time attended the Millersville Normal and the Stasburg Academy. In 1846 his studies were interrupted by his father's death, and he returned to assist in carrying on the homestead, which, as previously mentioned, he now owns. He is interested in educational affairs, and has served as School Director of Manor Township, and politically is a Republican. November 19, 1885, he married Fannie, daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (Herr) Dambach, a farmer near Columbia, who had a family of seven sons and five daughters, and it is worthy of note that this family circle is still unbroken. In order of birth they are as follows: Mary, Susan, John, Fannie, Martin, Henry, Joseph, Catherine, Amos, Adam, David and Lizzie. The mother of these children, who is still living, is a member of the Mennonite Church, but her husband departed this life November 12, 1875, when sixty-two years, one month and twenty-one days old.



**H**ENRY GERHART, one of the sterling business men of Lancaster, has been longer steadily engaged in his calling, that of merchant tailoring, than any other in the city. He is a thorough and trustworthy tailor, and endeavors to please his customers, and carries a large and well selected stock of the most fashionable and durable goods on the market. He was born November 22, 1835, in Hesse-Darmstadt, his parents being Daniel and Elizabeth (Thies) Ger-

hart. The former, who was a merchant, died when his son Henry was only about a year old, and on the mother devolved the care of his bringing up. This worthy lady is still living, being a resident of Lancaster.

The boyhood of Henry Gerhart was passed in his native land, where he secured a fair general education, and was apprenticed to learn the tailor's trade. In 1850 he concluded he would try his fortunes in the New World, and took passage in a sailing-vessel, going by way of London, and arriving in New York City in the fall of the year. After working for a time as an apprentice to S. K. Y. Young, he continued in his employ for a time and later did journeyman work until 1865.

At that time Mr. Gerhart embarked in business for himself, opening a shop in the same block where he is now situated. Year by year he numbered more and more of the best citizens of the place among his customers, for his workmanship is of the best and he carries out to the letter all contracts. For a number of years he has been located at No. 46 North Queen Street, where he occupies a fine store 22x130 feet in dimensions. He carries in stock all grades and qualities used in the trade, and he may always be depended upon in whatever he says in regard to the durability and qualities of his goods.

Mr. Gerhart is a stockholder and Director in the Maennerchor Hall Association, of which he is now President, and was one of the original founders. He is also a Director in the Home Building & Loan Association, and has been active in everything pertaining to the welfare of his fellow-citizens and the development of the best interests of the community in which he dwells.

The pleasant home of our subject, which is located on West Orange Street, was erected by him in modern style and a substantial manner. His marriage was celebrated in 1866, with Miss Margaret Wittlinger, who was born and reared in this city, and who was called from this life in November, 1893; she left one child, Henry, to mourn her loss. Her father, John Wittlinger, was in former years engaged in the brewery business in Lancaster. The son, Henry, Jr., an enterprising and active young business man, is a thorough

master of the tailor's trade, and is now in business with his father.

Our subject is a charter member and past officer of Hebel Lodge No. 599, I. O. O. F., and was one of the organizers and former officers of the Seven Wise Men's Society. Politically he uses his influence and casts his vote in favor of Democratic nominees. In Zion's Lutheran Church of this city he has long held membership, and is now an Elder in the organization. His pleasant and genial way of dealing with his customers and all others who may come in contact with him, is the means of his securing many sincere friends.



**E**MMANUEL LANDIS SNYDER, instructor of music in the city of Lancaster, is organist and choir master in the Moravian Church and Jewish synagogue. He is rapidly mounting to the top of the ladder in his profession, and ranks among the finest musicians in this section. Mr. Snyder was born in Lancaster, December 21, 1869, and is the son of Martin Snyder, a native of Baden, Germany, where also his grandfather, George M. Snyder, was born and served as a soldier in the German army.

When emigrating to America, the grandfather located with his family near Lancaster, and there made his home until his decease. Martin Snyder was educated in the city schools, and later embarked in the manufacture of cigars, which he followed for some time, and then abandoned it in order to engage in the hotel business. Prior to this he was a farmer. He is now residing in Middletown, where he is running the Farmers' Hotel with fair success. He is a strong Republican in politics, and a man prominent in his community.

Mrs. Amanda (Landis) Snyder, the mother of our subject, was born in this county, and was the daughter of Emmanuel Landis; the latter was formerly a prominent and early settler of Lancaster County, and here he carried on farm pur-

suits. The parental family included six children, of whom three are living. Emmanuel L. was reared in his native county, attending first the common, and later the high school, and was graduated from the latter in 1888, at Manheim, this county. He then took a course in the Lancaster Business College, and for a short time filled a position as bookkeeper. Young Snyder then decided to devote his time and attention to the study of music, and engaged to take lessons from Professor Bausman, later from Professor Benkert, and afterward from E. Wesley Pyne. It was his ambition to make of music a profession, and in 1893 he commenced giving instructions in instrumental music, having his studio located at No. 26 South Princee Street. In addition to this he makes a specialty of directing choirs and choruses, and in this department, as in instrumental music, he has been very successful.

Socially Mr. Snyder is a prominent Mason, belonging to the lodge at Manheim. He is connected with the Oratorio Society of Lancaster, which he is serving as Librarian. In religious affairs he is a devoted member of the Episcopal Church, and is a Vestryman of St. Paul's Church, at Manheim.



**C**HRIStIAN GAST, who is now living retired from active business in Lancaster, has been very successful in his enterprises, and is justly numbered among the leading citizens. In 1835 he started a boot and shoe manufactory in the location now occupied by Martin Bros., and conducted his large trade until 1868, when, having secured ample means for his remaining years, he left his business career and has since passed his time in the quiet of his home.

His father, Frederick Gast, was a native of Prussia, and with his family emigrated to the United States when his son, Christian, was a lad of ten years, this being in October, 1819. He was a farmer both in the Fatherland and after his ar-

rival in this locality. In addition to this he successfully conducted a shop where baskets were manufactured. He was first a Democrat and later a Republican, and in the work of the Reformed Church was a leading man and an Elder in this city. His death occurred at the age of eighty-three years, and that of his wife in 1852. By his marriage with Susan Schmidt he had seven children: Henry, Christian, Margaret, Conrad, Philip, Elizabeth and Frederick. These are all deceased with the exception of our subject and the youngest of the family.

Christian Gast was born in Prussia, December 2, 1808, and received a common school education. After landing in Lancaster he was bound out for a long period to learn the shoe-making trade, and worked for a year and a-half in Philadelphia. Returning then to this city, he worked at his trade until his marriage, after which, in 1835, he started a boot and shoe manufactory and conducted a merchant business. In 1868, after many years of successful trade, his third son succeeded him and is now carrying on the business. For three years Mr. Gast was a Prison Inspector, and for two years was Treasurer of the Board. For ten years he served as Treasurer of the Poor Board; for three decades occupied a similar position in the Mechanics' Library, and for many years was Treasurer of the Lancaster Cemetery Association. Always interested in educational affairs, he was one of the first Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, which he was instrumental in uniting in 1852, and under the new organization continued as a Trustee a number of years.

October 14, 1830, Christian Gast married Maria Eckert, and the following named children grace their union: Emanuel S., Catherine, Frederick A., Albert C., William H., Anna, Mary Ellen, Samuel D., Charles, and Marja, who married William Welchans, a brother of the noted Dr. Welchans. Anna became the wife of Jacob Martin, and Mary Ellen and Samuel D. died in infancy.

Mr. Gast is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church, and has served as Deacon and Elder in the old congregation, and since the organization of the church with which he is now identified has also been an Elder in the same. Having joined

the Masonic Lodge in 1839, he is its oldest member, and at the time that the half century was up he received a medal of honor, the only other person to be so remembered in this district being Christian-Widmyer. Our subject is also connected with Monterey Lodge No. 242, I. O. F.; he was at one time active in all the temperance societies and formerly was Treasurer of the Shoemakers' Association. For the past fifteen years he has been President of the Home Mutual Life Insurance Company.

William H. Gast, the son of Christian and Maria (Eckert) Gast, was born June 1, 1841, in this city, and attended the public schools until reaching his sixteenth year, when he was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, and also started to learn the calling of a shoemaker. The war coming on, he enlisted April 19, 1861, in Company K, First Pennsylvania Regiment, under General Patterson and Captain Hembright. He was sent to Virginia and was discharged just before the battle of Bull Run, returning from his three months' service in company with Edward Duckmiller, also of this city. They had both contracted the typhoid fever, and the unfortunate comrade of Mr. Gast died the next day after his return home. After his recovery, young William re-enlisted for nine months in Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-second Regiment, and was assigned to the Third Division, Third Brigade, Third Army Corps, and took part in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Chantilly and several other engagements. After serving his full time he was mustered out at Harrisburg, May 16, 1863, after which for some time he worked at the shoemaker's trade, but his health failed him for a time, and then once more he became a soldier in the ranks, enlisting for three years' service February 2, 1864, in the Heavy Artillery, Third Pennsylvania Regiment, being placed in General Butler's Eleventh Army Corps. Mr. Gast took part in the first expedition against Fts. Fisher and Clifton, on the Appomattox River, and took part in many small engagements, his duties being to keep the James, York, Appomattox and other rivers open for emergencies. Later his brigade was placed on guard duty at Fortress Monroe, where they had under their charge Davis,

Mitchell and Clay, and at that place he was mustered out, July 11, 1865.

The first business venture of William H. Gast, after his return from the south was as a grocer at Mt. Joy, where he remained for three years. At the end of that time he returned to Lancaster, being employed by his father in the boot and shoe business, and had much of the responsibility of the concern upon his shoulders until 1879, when he succeeded to the whole plant. The factory was removed to No. 19 North Queen Street, four years later to No. 105 North Queen Street, and in 1890 to No. 123 North Queen Street, where it has been ever since. This industry is one of the oldest in the city and a considerable fortune is being acquired from the trade by the proprietor.

In June, 1862, William H. Gast married Susan Deitrich, by whom he had the following children: Harry C., Charles E., Bertha, William S., Harvey and Margie, all of whom are unmarried with the exception of the eldest. A Republican in politics, Mr. Gast is a Grand Army man, belonging to George H. Thomas Post No. 184. Succeeding his father, he became Treasurer of the Mechanics' Library, of which he is still a member, and religiously belongs to St. Paul's German Reformed Church.



**W**ILLIAM NICHOLS AMER. There are few men of the present day more worthy of honorable mention than the subject of this sketch, who is one of the oldest and leading dentists in the city of Lancaster, where he has been engaged in business since April 1, 1856.

A native of Philadelphia, our subject was born August 19, 1834, and is the son of John Amer, also born in the Quaker City, where he was engaged as a manufacturer of silk hats. He is now living retired in New Brunswick, N. J., and in May of this year reached his eighty-sixth year. He is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a man prominent and active in

all good works. His wife, who prior to her marriage was Ann Donahue, was also born in Philadelphia, and departed this life in 1861.

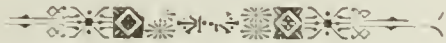
The parental family of our subject numbered eleven children, eight of whom grew to mature years, and seven are still living. William N. was the third in order of birth, and passed the first ten years of his life in his native city, when he removed to Boston, Mass., where his uncle, Dr. Nichols, who was a prominent dentist, was living. He remained with him for many years, completing his education in the high school of Roxbury, Mass., and then took up the profession of dentistry as his life work. In the meantime his father had located in Lancaster, and joining him shortly afterward, he commenced his studies in the office of Dr. Wayland, the leading practitioner in the city, with whom he remained for five years, first as a pupil, later as assistant.

April 1, 1856, our subject started in business for himself on the southeast corner of North Queen and Orange Streets, where he remained for twelve years, in the meantime building up a large and lucrative practice. In 1888, however, he purchased his present office. He is a talented dentist, and ranks high in his profession.

May 29, 1856, Dr. Amer and Miss Elizabeth S., daughter of John G. Cooper, were united in marriage. Mrs. Amer was born in this city, where her father was one of the old and prominent merchants. She is a lady of fine education, and by her union with our subject has become the mother of two children: Ernest C., engaged in the freight department of the Pennsylvania Railroad; and Bertha L., at home with her parents.

Socially the Doctor is a Mason of high standing, and is Past Master of Lamberton Lodge No. 476, which he has also served as Secretary for ten years. In religious affairs Dr. Amer is a devoted member of the Moravian Church, and in politics is a straightforward Republican, having cast his first vote for John C. Fremont. Our subject is always ready to assist in all progressive movements and enterprises of merit, and is widely known as an earnest and public-spirited citizen. In 1867 he was prominent in the organization of the Harris Dental Association of this city, of which he was

Secretary, and at one time President. He was also instrumental in founding the State Dental Association in Philadelphia, although he is not now connected with it. The Doctor is one of the original members and organizers of the old Empire Hook and Ladder Company of Lancaster, and filled the office of Vice-President for fourteen years, or until it was merged into a salaried department.



**R**EV. CLARENCE E. EBERMAN is pastor of the Moravian Church of Lancaster, and is President of the Moravian Christian Endeavor Union for England and America. He is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Bethlehem, July 17, 1863, and comes from one of the best old families in this section of the state. The founder of the Eberman branch in America came from Germany in 1732, this man, Johannes, being the great-great-grandfather of our subject. His grandfather, the next in descent, William, a missionary of the Moravian Church, was born in this city, and was sent to Santa Cruz, West Indies, where he remained for several years. On his return to this city he occupied a prominent position in church circles, and had charge of church property at Lititz and Nazareth.

The father of our subject, Jacob F. Eberman, was born in the West Indies, and studied for the ministry, but on account of poor health was obliged to abandon that vocation. Turning his attention to another trade, he resided in Bethlehem, in which city his death occurred in 1879, when in his fifty-fourth year. His wife, formerly Cordelia Warner, was born in Bethlehem, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. She was a daughter of John, and grand-daughter of Massah Warner, both likewise natives of the Keystone State. The latter was a ferryman on the Lehigh River before the bridge was constructed at Bethlehem. John Warner was the first manufacturer of combs in that place, and carried on the business successfully for years. To

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Eberman were born three children, of whom C. E. is the second. The mother is still living, her home being at Carbondale.

The boyhood of Clarence Eberman was passed in the town where his birth occurred, and there his early education was obtained. In 1878 he was graduated from Nazareth Hall, and soon afterwards became a student in the Moravian College of Bethlehem, from which he was graduated in 1884 with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity. The same year he was ordained in Staten Island by Bishop Reinke, and for five years was assistant pastor of the Moravian Church on that island. In 1889 he became minister in the Jay Street Moravian Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. While there he served as Secretary of the Sunday Observance Association, and with A. C. Dixon and others did valiant service in city missionary work. In September, 1893, Mr. Eberman was called to take charge of his present congregation, and his time is more than full in meeting the pressing demands upon him in the work relating thereto. His ability is thoroughly recognized, and he has a good reputation as a lecturer on social purity and kindred topics. He is one of the representative men of his church in Christian Endeavor work, and has attended the conventions of that organization of late years. He is President of the Endeavor Union for America and England in his denomination, and is greatly interested in the success of the society.

The church of which Mr. Eberman is now pastor is one of the oldest in the state, as it was formed about the middle of the last century. Count Zinzendorf, then the head of the Unitas Fratrum, on his visit to America in 1742 came to this county, preaching at Lititz and in the old court house of this city. He was asked to send a regular preacher of his denomination and accordingly Rev. Jacob Lischy preached frequently here during the following year. In 1744 a Lutheran minister of Lancaster was authorized to preach to the Moravians, and this he did until 1746. This pastor, Rev. Laurence T. Nyberg, eventually became a minister in the Moravian Church. An effort was made to unite all the German speaking Protestants in the state into an Evangelical alliance

at this time, but this idea was finally abandoned. At one of the sessions held by the Moravians in the old court house a mob assailed the assembly with a shower of stones, but Bishop Stangenberg, who was presiding, rose and offered a fervent and touching prayer in behalf of their enemies, and the mob dispersed, ashamed and abashed. The same year, 1745, the congregation was organized, and instead of building upon the valuable land which they owned at the corner of Prince Street and Marion Alley, they bought property on Orange Street, and there erected a plain stone building. The other land was afterwards converted into a graveyard, which purpose it still serves. The first resident pastor was Rev. Leonard Schnell, who came in 1748, and the same year Rev. Richard Utley also worked with the congregation. The church constantly grew in numbers and strength, many of the oldest and most highly respected citizens joining it, and from that day until the present its membership has ranked high in the community. It was not until 1829, under the pastorate of Rev. Charles F. Reichel, that worship was conducted exclusively in the English language. In 1820 the old stone church was torn down on account of being too small, and the brick edifice that is now standing was built upon the same site. The original corner stone, curiously wrought and quaintly ornamented, was carefully preserved and incorporated in the present structure. The old stone parsonage was left standing and was used as a pastor's residence, lecture room and parochial school until 1852. About 1868 the church was again enlarged, the interior entirely remodeled, new pews and pulpit replacing the old ones; stained glass windows were put in, a new organ, a donation from George K. Reed and still in use, placed in the building, and many other improvements made. In 1879 still later and more modern ideas were carried into effect, the pews were upholstered, and many convenient and ornamental features were introduced.

All departments of the Moravian Church are in a most flourishing condition, and special attention is paid by the officers to the Sunday-school. Mr. Eberman is a strong temperance man, and his voice is always to be heard on the side of pro-

gressive movements. He is a good speaker, having a pleasing delivery and manner, which readily chain the attention and interest of his hearers. His worthy wife is a faithful helpmate and of great assistance to him in every way. In the free kindergarten she takes a prominent and interested part, and to her is due a large measure of the success which it has attained.

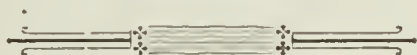


**J**OHN B. KENDIG, one of the heavy contractors of Lancaster, will form the subject of the following notice. He was born June 9, 1856, in the city of Lancaster, which was his father's native town as well. His grandfather, Martin Kendig, was a hotel keeper and was of German descent. Our subject's father was a successful farmer located near the city, and later in life followed excavating and the construction of sewers, which he followed until his death, in 1884, when he was sixty-two years of age. Our subject's mother's maiden name was Eliza Bachman; she was also a native of Lancaster, and was the mother of six children, four of whom are living, our subject being the eldest son. John B. was reared on a farm near Rawlinsville and remained there until sixteen years of age, assisting his father and attending the common schools until he attained his majority, and after his father's death continued the business of contractor at Lancaster, where he built a large amount of sewerage. He is constantly building and excavating and uses ten thousand perch of stone per year and is noted for his excellent work. He employs sixty hands and twenty-five teams and is looked upon as the largest contractor of his kind, doing the principal work of the city of Lancaster.

Mr. Kendig was united in marriage at Lancaster in 1882 with Miss Lizzie Brill, a native of Lancaster, daughter of Martin Brill, a contractor and builder, who was born in Germany. At one time her parents conducted the Lambe Hotel on South Queen



Street. He died in 1859, aged thirty-four years. Mrs. Kendig's mother's maiden name was Charlotte Hedrick, a native of Germany, who died a year after her husband's death. They were the parents of three children, two of whom are living: Catherine, Mrs. Daniel Clemmens, of Lancaster, and Mrs. Kendig. Our subject and his wife are the parents of three children: Lottie, Daisy and Walter. Politically, Mr. Kendig is a Republican. The family attend the Trinity Lutheran Church, of which our subject's wife is an acceptable member.



**S**OLOMON R. MOSS is one of the worthy German-American citizens of Lancaster, having his business headquarters at the corner of Prince and Lemon Streets, a very desirable location. He is a gentleman of more than usual financial ability, and during the fifteen years that he has been in the wholesale tobacco trade has built up a wide reputation for superior goods and excellent business methods, and has always had more orders than he could fill.

S. R. Moss is one of four children born to Isaac Moss, of Germany. He was born in Prussia, in May, 1852, and received his education in the public schools of Frankfort. His brothers, Sigmund and Herman, also live in Lancaster and are engaged in business with their brother. In 1872, then twenty years of age, he came to the United States, and for a time was a clerk in a dry goods house of New York City, but soon became traveling salesman for several of the largest tobacco houses of the metropolis. After becoming conversant with the trade, he was for eight years engaged in the manufacture of cigars, in Altoona, Pa., and was quite successful in the enterprise. In 1889 Mr. Moss came to Lancaster and has since been engaged as a manufacturer of cigars and dealer in leaf tobacco. His manufactory employs five hundred hands and is one of the largest houses in this state. The business of this house amounts to over

\$1,000,000 per year. Owing to the phenomenal growth of the business, Mr. Moss is now building a factory, 65x145 feet in dimensions and six stories in height, which will be completed by January 1, 1895, and with this increased capacity will find it necessary to employ over eight hundred persons. This will be the largest factory in the United States and only the best grades of cigars will be made. For some years his factory has been at Nos. 36 and 38 West Lemon Street and at Nos. 409 to 415 Lancaster Avenue. The tobacco warehouse No. 7 is on the Harrisburg Pike, and was formerly occupied by J. G. Zook. The agents employed by Mr. Moss sell goods manufactured by him from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans, and as the cigars made by this firm give universal satisfaction, the duplicate orders received for the products of his establishment are beyond comprehension.

In 1881 Mr. Moss married Miss S. E. Ryder, of New Haven, Conn., and they have two children: Lester R. and Albert C. In politics Mr. Moss is a staunch Republican. He is also interested in a number of other enterprises and owns various other pieces of property in different parts of the state. Since coming to Lancaster he has purchased a beautiful residence, in which he resides, at No. 709 North Duke Street. His fine business ability is manifested by the proportions to which his trade has grown, and his customers know that they may uniformly rely upon his integrity and good judgment.



**J**OHAN H. BAUMGARDNER is General Manager, Secretary and Treasurer of the Lancaster Gas, Light and Fuel Company, and is also junior member of the firm of Baumgardner & Co., dealers in coal. Our subject is a practical and enterprising commercial man, who has been very successful in the management of his business affairs and is prominent in local circles. As a politician he ranks high with the Republicans, who place great confidence in his ability and in-

tegrity. For ten terms he has been elected to the Common Council from the Sixth Ward, and for one year served as President. During this time he has served on many of the most important committees, and was a member of the Special Water Committee while the new plant was being constructed. He bears a good record as a Councilman, having been longer a servant of the public in that capacity than any other in the city, and his career has shown the wisdom of his constituents in making him their choice.

A native of Lancaster, our subject was born April 23, 1843, and was reared in this place, where he attended the public schools. In 1861 he graduated from the high school, after which he entered the Polytechnic College of Philadelphia, pursuing a course in mechanical engineering, and after completing the same received the degree of Mechanical Engineer upon his graduation in 1863. Going into the machine shops of Bennett & Daugherty, in Philadelphia, he worked as a tool manufacturer for the succeeding two years, and thence removing to Scranton, worked for some time there at his trade.

Coming to Lancaster about 1866, Mr. Baumgardner engaged in the coal business until the gas company was formed in 1876, and from the start was actively interested in the work. He superintended the building of the plant and assisted in placing the machinery. This company is famous as being the first to manufacture water gas to any extent in the United States. The buildings are at the foot of Andrew Street, where the company owns about four acres. The three large tanks and machinery have a capacity of five hundred thousand cubic feet of gas per day, and their pipes reach all parts of the city. In 1881 this company bought out the Lancaster Gas Company, and they now have a capital stock of \$200,000 as incorporated. The coal office of the Baumgardner Company is at No. 129 North Queen Street and they have an extensive trade.

In 1875 a marriage was celebrated in this city by which Miss Florine Meixell became the wife of our subject. She was born in this city and is a daughter of Andrew Meixell, who is in the freight department of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Three

children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Baumgardner, namely: Thomas, Susan and John. The family residence, at No. 139 East Walnut Street, was erected by our subject and is a commodious and pleasant home. Socially he is a member of Lamber-ton Lodge No. 476, F. & A. M., and is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, being President of the Board of Trustees and a member of the Building Committee. The father of our subject, Thomas Baumgardner, a native of York County, Pa., is represented elsewhere in this volume, as is also his brother Henry, a member of the coal firm. Mr. Baumgardner was one of the incorporators of the present street railway system, which was incorporated in 1884. He served as the first Treasurer of the company and built the first street railway of the Lancaster City Street Railway Company.



WILLIAM D. SPRECHER is probably the oldest business man of Lancaster, and came here when the place numbered barely eight thousand inhabitants. He has a very pleasant substantial brick residence at No. 519 North Duke Street, and owns much valuable real estate in this city and county. His business location is at No. 31 East King Street, where he started in the farm and implement trade in 1859 on a small scale, and has gradually increased his quarters as his trade has continued to enlarge. At the end of two years he built an addition of seventy feet, one story in height; some time later he built a warehouse two stories in height, and has since at different times also extended his establishment. He now occupies a plant 32x245 feet in dimensions, four floors, and a small fifth story 32x70 feet in dimensions. In the various departments of his business, employment is given to eight clerks, and two delivery wagons are kept constantly in the service. Besides dealing in all kinds

of agricultural implements and farmers' supplies, he makes a specialty of field and garden seeds.

The Sprecher family is of German descent, and they have long been numbered among the pioneers of this county. George, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born at New Holland, but his father emigrated from Germany to this country in company with two brothers, and became the owner of twelve hundred acres of land in Virginia, while the others settled in Lebanon County. Five of his sons became preachers and distinguished themselves in the Lutheran Church. The grandfather of our subject purchased a large tract of land in New Holland Township, only three acres of which had been cleared, and there he continued to reside until his death. He was a Whig, and like his forefathers, was a great worker in the Lutheran Church. He was married and had a family of ten children: William, Solomon, Lewis, George, John, Philip and three daughters. The father of these children died when in his eighty-fifth year.

Philip Sprecher, the father of our subject, was born and reared on his father's farm in New Holland Township, and in turn became an agriculturist, having from boyhood been familiar with farm work. In time he became the owner of two farms comprising about two hundred and ten acres, and was very successful in running the same. On arriving at man's estate he married Miss Rachael Diller, who died when her son, our subject, was only seven years of age, and he was therefore sent to his grandfather's to reside. He was born March 28, 1828, in New Holland, where he received his early education. When quite a young lad he entered a hardware store and engaged in business at the age of fourteen years, as a member of the firm of George D. Sprecher & Bro. For a number of years they carried on trade at the large store now occupied by Reilly Bros. & Raub on Queen Street, but sold out in 1859. At that time our subject started the business which he has ever since carried on at his present location.

Mr. Sprecher owns a farm of two hundred and thirty-four acres in Pequea Township, where a specialty is made of raising hay, and sometimes eighty-eight acres are devoted to that product. About fifty acres of land are valuable on account of the

limestone deposits, and the farm is one of the best in the locality. As a stockholder in the Strasburg Pike and one of the original promoters of the Street Car Railway in Lancaster, a stockholder in the Farmers' National Bank of Lancaster, as well as in many other enterprises, Mr. Sprecher has been very prominent for years. He first voted for Buchanan and has been a Republican since the organization of the party. Religiously he is a Lutheran and has been an official member of his church.

Our subject has been twice married, his first wife having been Mary, daughter of Jacob Franciscus, and to them were born the following children: Frank, a member of his father's firm; Ella, wife of Thomas C. Wiley, and Florence, at home. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Sprecher married Martha, daughter of Isaac Lewis of Piermont. A daughter, Lillian, has been born of this union. The pleasant residence of the family is surrounded by a large and well kept lawn with shrubbery.



JACOB PONTZ is engaged in the manufacture of brick at Charlotte Street and Harrisburg Avenue, Lancaster. He is a very successful business man, and in company with his brother Adam owns much valuable property in the city and elsewhere. He is one of the honored veterans of the Rebellion, in which he rose from the ranks to the position of First Lieutenant. His service was of a most arduous nature, and though he took part in scores of important battles and engagements, was never wounded.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, George Pontz, was a native of Germany, who came to America in his young manhood. For several years he was engaged in teaming between the cities of Lancaster, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Pittsburg, having an office on Prince between Orange and Chestnut Streets. His death occurred in this city when he had reached a good old age. He was reared

in the faith of the Lutheran Church, to which he always adhered. His son, our subject's father, George Pontz, Jr., was born in this city, and, like him, engaged in teaming, both for himself and other parties. As a lad of only fourteen years he often made trips alone to Pittsburg, driving six horses, and frequently being gone for four weeks at a time. His death occurred in 1889, when he was nearly eighty-one years of age. His wife, Elizabeth, was a daughter of Adam Muskeness, and both were natives of Lancaster. The father was a blacksmith by trade and took part in the War of 1812. Mrs. Pontz died when in her fifty-fifth year, and of her fourteen children all but two grew to maturity. Eight sons and two daughters still survive. Harry is a resident of California; A. Jack, who lives in Massachusetts, is a cigar manufacturer; George, Jacob, Adam, David and John were all members of the Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Regiment during the late war.

The birth of Jacob Pontz took place November 8, 1838, in this place, and here he was reared to manhood. When fifteen years old he was apprenticed under William Cox as a coachsmith and learned the business, which he worked at in Lancaster and also at White Horse Hotel, of this county, until the war. In October, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, and was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, being first under General Buell and later under Generals Sherman and Thomas. In company with his regiment he took part in the battles of Shiloh, Stone River, Liberty Gap, Chickamauga, siege of Chattanooga, Mission Ridge and others, and then veteranized, returning home on a thirty days' furlough. Going south again, he actively engaged in the following battles: Dalton, Resaca, New Hope Church, Chattahoochee River, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, Marietta, Jonesboro, Love Joy Station, Spring Hill, Franklin, Nashville and many others. In the spring of 1865 he was at Bull's Gap and then fell back to Nashville, being later sent by boat to New Orleans and Texas to protect the frontier. At Victoria he was mustered out in December, 1865, and returned home the next month. After the organization of his regiment he was made Corporal, then Third Sergeant and

Orderly Sergeant for two and a-half years, and was later commissioned First Lieutenant of Company K, by Governor Perkins, in April, 1865.

For some time after the close of the war Mr. Pontz worked at his trade in New Holland, and in the year 1868 engaged in the brick business in this city. His brother Adam joined him in 1870 and the firm continued in business as A. Pontz & Bro. until 1885, when it was dissolved by mutual consent, each brother taking one of the two brick yards. These are situated on the Harrisburg Pike and East Chestnut and Rank's Road, and each yard is equipped with a brick machine and modern appliances. Both pressed and hand-made brick are here made in large quantities and find ready sale. A twenty-five horse-power engine is located in each yard, having a capacity of forty-eight thousand brick per day. Jacob Pontz owns thirteen acres of land, and with his brother has another tract of three and a-half acres. Of residence property he owns four acres on East Chestnut Street, eight acres in another portion of the city, and his fine homestead with a frontage of two hundred feet at the corner of James and Charlotte Streets. In partnership with his brother he owns seventeen houses, three of which were erected at the yards. His brick manufactory employs from sixty-six to seventy hands, who are kept busy in supplying the three kilns. The yards have a siding from the Pennsylvania and from the Pittsburg & Reading Railroads. He has erected an additional yard, with a capacity of fifty thousand brick per day.

In New Holland occurred the marriage of Jacob Pontz and Miss Emma E. Palmer, who was born in that locality. Four children have blessed this union, namely: May, Lillian, Ethel and Nellie. Mrs. Pontz is a member of the Reformed Church and a most agreeable and hospitable lady.

For the past nine years Jacob Pontz has been a member of the School Board from the Ninth Ward and has served as Chairman of the committee on furniture and appointments. An active Democrat, he has been a member of the County Committee for twelve years and is now one of the city committee. Socially he is a Director in the Maennerchor Association of this city. At John-

sonville, Tenn., Company K, of which he was Lieutenant, presented him with a sword in recognition of his services in 1865, and thus he prizes most highly. Our subject is a Director of the building and loan association.



**F**RANK X. HINDEN, a prominent business man of Lancaster, has been engaged in paving the streets of the city for twenty years past, and has taken contracts for building the City Water Works, and smaller pieces of work. A native of this city, he was born May 10, 1850, his parents being Frank and Teresa (Bentz) Hinden.

The paternal grandfather of the subject of this article was a native of Sweitz, Germany, and his son, Frank, was a native of the same locality. The latter received a liberal education in the German schools, and in his youth learned the cabinet-maker's trade, which he followed in the Fatherland, but after coming to this country with his wife and four children, devoted his time mainly to agricultural pursuits, and at the time of his death was a resident of this city. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and connected with its beneficial organizations. Before leaving his native land he served in the German wars with Napoleon, and on coming to the United States entered the ranks of the Democratic party. By his marriage he had six children, of whom our subject was the fifth in order of birth, the others being Mary, wife of Jacob Allen, now deceased, and formerly a sail maker in Philadelphia; Rose, wife of Harry P. Pratt, a wholesale cigar dealer in Philadelphia; Teresa, who is unmarried; Joseph, also engaged in cigar business in Philadelphia, and William, who died in early manhood.

Frank X. Hinden received a good common school education in this city, and his father dying when he was quite young, he was thus thrown upon his own resources, having to make his own livelihood. He found employment in the Cones-

toga Cotton Mill No. 3, where he remained for a short time, and then for several years worked at various industrial pursuits. At the age of twenty-two years he commenced working for the city on public structures, and since that time has carried on general contract work on a small scale. From time to time his business was enlarged, until he is now one of the largest in his branch of work in the city. He has succeeded through his individual and unassisted efforts, having made the best of his advantages, and gradually worked himself into prominence and a position of affluence. At times he has employed as many as one hundred and seventeen men, and in his dealings with them, as well as with his superiors, he has ever manifested traits of honor and veracity. A man of more than usual ability, he has succeeded far beyond his expectations, and is justly numbered among the leading citizens.

September 28, 1872, Mr. Hinden was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Prior, by whom he has had a family of seven children: Harry F., William J., Lillie F., Frank, Teresa, Clarence and Rosanna. The family are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and are well received in the best social circles of the place. In his political faith, Mr. Hinden uses his right of franchise in favor of the Republican party.



**C**HRISTIAN LEFEVER. Among the public-spirited citizens and well-to-do farmers of West Lampeter Township is this worthy old settler, who has devoted his life to the occupation in which he is now engaged. In his younger days he served for three terms as School Director, and for a like number of terms acceptably filled the position of Township Auditor. His fellow-citizens and friends also secured for him, about 1865,

the important position of Prison Inspector of Lancaster County. In these official capacities he acquitted himself greatly to his own credit and to the satisfaction of all concerned, as in whatever he undertakes he brings to bear the same unfaltering integrity and uprightness of purpose that characterize his every relation with his fellows.

Henry Lefever, the father of our subject, was, like the son, a farmer by occupation, and became quite wealthy as the result of his industry and perseverance. At one time he was the owner of three valuable farms which comprised about two hundred acres, and were provided with substantial fences, buildings, etc. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church and followed the teachings of the Golden Rule during his entire life. When looking about for a companion and helpmate he chose Miss Elizabeth Hess, who was born and reared in Lampeter Township, and whose education was obtained in the schools of the district. By this union two children were born, namely: Christian and Adam F. In his early life the father was a member of the Democracy, but later was an adherent of the Republican party.

A native of Lampeter Township, Christian Lefever's birth occurred November 24, 1823. His primary education was obtained in the district schools in the vicinity of his father's farm, which he attended until attaining the age of eighteen years. Not satisfied however with those advantages, he has become largely self-educated through private study and extensive reading. When a boy he was trained by his industrious father in the work of a farm, and it is not strange that when he arrived at maturity he concluded to adopt the business for his life occupation.

In October, 1853, Mr. Lefever married Miss Annie Houser, who was born and grew to womanhood in West Lampeter Township. To them have been born three sons and two daughters, who in order of birth are as follows: Elizabeth, Mrs. Guntner; Jacob H., now deceased; Annie M., who departed this life in 1880; H. F., who married Frances Harnish, and Christian E., who died in the year 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Lefever are members of the Old Mennonite Church and are never found wanting when benevolent and church work needs

their assistance. In 1861 our subject was drafted into the army, but as his home affairs at that time required his attention and presence, he sent a substitute in his stead, keeping him in the army for some three years.



**I**SAAC H. RYAN, until recently a resident of West Lampeter Township, is now a citizen of Lancaster, having been engaged in a general real-estate and insurance business for several years, and since November, 1888, having his headquarters at No. 29 East Orange Street. Mr. Ryan comes of a worthy and honored family of Pennsylvania, where they have been residents since early Colonial days. Our subject's great-grandfather was bound out to a man in Chester County, while his parents went with Braddock's army to Pittsburg during the French and Indian War, and never afterward were heard from by their relatives. The grandfather of Isaac, whose Christian name was John, was a farmer by occupation, and a resident of what is now Strasburg Township, this county. His father for many years was a teamster on the old road known as the King's Highway, between Philadelphia and Pittsburg. He was a great advocate of Masonry, and his death occurred when he had reached the age of seventy-five years, while that of his wife took place when she was in her ninetieth year. Their family comprised five children: Townsend, John, Jose, Isaac K. and Lydia, the latter of whom became the wife of John Carpenter.

The father of our subject, Isaac K. Ryan, was born near Strasburg, in Providence Township, this county, and was a man of good business ability, though his educational privileges were not of the best. During his entire life he devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits, and was very active in public and educational affairs, being one of the School Directors who elected Dr.

Wickersham, the first County Superintendent of this county. On attaining to man's estate, Mr. Ryan married Magdaline Lea Sandoe, and their union was blessed with seven children, who in order of birth were as follows: Alive, wife of S. C. Steigerwall; Martha R., who married C. R. Mackuse, a marble cutter of Lancaster; Jose J., assistant engineer of cotton mill No. 3, of Lancaster; M. L., who died in his eighth year; Isaac H.; S. C., Mrs. White, of this city, and G. L., also a resident of Lancaster. The mother of these children lived until October, 1884, when she was called from this life, being in her sixty-sixth year. The father was active in the ranks of the Republican party, and before its organization was a Whig. For many years he served as Trustee and Steward of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is now making his home in Lancaster.

Isaac H. Ryan was born October 8, 1819, in Strasburg, and remained with his father on the farm until thirty-one years of age. His education was interrupted at a very early age, as on account of his eyesight he was obliged to leave school, which he had attended for only two years. On starting out in life for himself he came to this place and opened a seed and agricultural implement business on North Queen Street. Later he sold out this enterprise, and for a short time was engaged in the ice business. In January, 1887, he embarked in the real estate business on South Queen Street, and at the end of a year and a-half removed to his present office on Orange Street, where he is engaged in buying and selling property, collecting rents, and attending to insurance and similar lines of business. He is very liberal in the support of churches and benevolences, and uses his right of franchise in favor of the Republican party.

In 1880 a marriage ceremony was celebrated in Lancaster by which Miss Mary M., daughter of Jacob Sweigart, became the wife of Mr. Ryan. Three children grace their union, their names in order of birth being as follows: Harry S., Chester K. and Beatrice L. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan are members of the Duke Street Methodist Episcopal Church, in the work of which they are active. On the maternal side Mr. Ryan is of German and French descent, his grandfather having emigrated

from Germany and made a location in Paradise Township, this county. From the French race Mr. Ryan doubtless inherits his polite and hospitable manner, which is inseparable from his general character. He numbers many devoted friends and acquaintances in this locality, who cherish for him nothing but good will and respect.



**B** FRANK CONNER, of Columbia, Lancaster County, is a member of the Supplee Steam Engine Company, of which he is President. The shops are located at the corner of Fourth and Manor Streets, and there may be found all kinds of blast furnace and rolling mill castings, in addition to the celebrated Supplee Steam Engine and Columbian Boiler. The latter is a system for heating houses or public buildings with steam or hot water, which is known to be the healthiest and most satisfactory of all methods used in modern heating. Mr. Conner was born December 25, 1853, near Mauch Chunk, Carbon County, Pa., being a son of James M. and Sarah A. (Horn) Conner. The father of the former came from Ireland in boyhood and settled in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He married and had five children, Daniel, James, Joseph, Henry, and Martha, who married Colonel Hyde. The father was a carpenter by trade, but in later years engaged in running his farm in Dutchess County, N. Y. His son, James M., was born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1811; he received a common school education, and was a man of more than ordinary intellect. For some years he followed the carpenter's and saddler's trades in his native city, and afterwards removed to Troy, N. Y., where many of the family are still living. Subsequently he engaged in farming in Carbon County. While a resident of Nesquehoning, that county, he was made Chief of Police. Active in the Methodist Episcopal Church, he was instrumental in building two houses of worship in Carbon County. At one time he supported the Know-

Nothing party, but later was a Republican, and held several offices. He was a School Director and greatly interested in educational affairs. He was a man who was highly esteemed in the community where he dwelt, was active in the encouragement of worthy enterprises, and was a contractor in the old Carbon Iron Company. By his marriage with Sarah Horn, the father of our subject had twelve children: Martin, Nathan, Margaret, Abiah, Virginia, Mary J., Hattie, Emma B., Frank, Sarah, Ida and Belle. The mother of these children is still living in Perryville, but the father died November 13, 1867, in his fifty-fifth year.

B. Frank Conner after completing his public school education took the mechanical and scientific course at Cooper's Institute in New York City, and gave his time particularly to chemistry and metalurgy. After leaving school he learned the machinist's trade at Perryville, which he followed at various places in Carbon County and New York City for eleven years, and then assumed charge of the machinery at Perryville. For twelve years he was in charge of different blast furnaces, and lastly in the employ of the Chestnut Hill Iron Company at Columbia until it was closed, in June, 1892. In the fall of that year he became connected with the firm of which he is still a member, and runs a general foundry, which gives employment to about forty men. Mr. Conner is a member of the Columbia Iron Company, the Columbia and Donegal Street Railroad, and the Columbia and Ironville Street Railway. He is a stockholder in the lace mill in this place, and is a Director in the Wilson Laundry Machine Company. In the Hemetite Ore mines in York County which he operates, twenty men are employed. In real estate Mr. Conner is also considerably interested, being a member of land companies in Nebraska and South Dakota, called respectively the Interstate Townside Company of Nebraska, and the Egmont Townsite Company, and is the owner of a tract of four hundred acres in Lehigh County, this state. He is interested in the water company of Richland, Lebanon County, Pa., and is a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

March 30, 1877, Mr. Conner married Martha J. Fifer, and two daughters and three sons have

blessed their marriage, their names in order of birth being as follows: Eva, James, Jacob, Frank and Martha. Mr. and Mrs. Conner are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which the former is a Steward and Secretary of the official board.

Ever interested in educational matters, our subject has served as a member of the School Board and is still acting in that capacity. At one time he was Burgess of Coplay, Lehigh County, and is an ardent Republican, being a member of the Gilt Edged Republican Club and its First Vice-President. He is a Mason, belonging to Williamson Valley Lodge in Berks County, and in Perryville was a member of Washington Camp No. 117, P. O. S. of A.



**J**EREMIAH RIFE, who has a real-estate and fire-insurance agency at No. 32½ South Duke Street, Lancaster, is one of the most successful and popular business men of this city. A man of great public spirit and enterprise and one of the ardent Republicans, it was most fitting that his fellow-citizens should elect him to serve as Alderman, which was done in February, 1894. In a number of very important corporations Mr. Rife has been one of the prime movers, and is much interested in mining and milling operations in Colorado, being Secretary in two different extensive companies.

The birth of Jeremiah Rife took place in Earl Township, Lancaster County, in 1841, and in the same house his father, Samuel, was also born. The paternal grandfather, Samuel, was an agriculturist, whose death occurred when he was in his eighty-fourth year, on his farm in Earl Township. Samuel Rife, Jr., is still living, being engaged in farming to some extent, though he has practically retired from active cares, and still lives on the old homestead in Earl Township. His wife, Elizabeth, was born in Leacock Township, this county, and is a daughter of Samuel Sheaffer, an agriculturist. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rife,



and the subject of this narrative is the eldest of the family and the only one whose home is in this city. His boyhood was passed on his father's farm, and his dutiful assistance was given to his parents until he reached early manhood. In addition to general school advantages he was for a time a student in the Millersville Normal, and in 1859 he began teaching in the home district, and to that work he devoted the next seven years of his life.

It was in 1865 that Mr. Rife came to Lancaster, and for three years he carried on a grocery trade on East King Street. In 1868 he engaged in the insurance business at his present office, being a member of the firm of Rife & Kauffman until 1886. Since that year he has been in business alone, and has built up a wide reputation as a man of excellent business capacity and sterling worth. Among the companies which he represents are the Home, Phoenix, Westchester of New York; the American and Girard, of Philadelphia; the Hartford, of Hartford, Conn.; the Royal, of Liverpool; the Trans-Atlantic, of Germany, and the Travelers Life and Accident, of Hartford.

In 1888 the Lancaster Mining and Milling Company, operating in LaPlata County, Colo., was incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000. Mr. Rife was one of its organizers, and is a leading stockholder as well as Secretary of the concern. With the Mt. Lewis Mining and Milling Company, of LaPlata County, Colo., he occupies a like position. This company was incorporated in the spring of 1893 at \$600,000, and Mr. Rife spent some time at the plant in the fall of that year. The office and headquarters of these two organizations are at No. 3 South Duke Street, Lancaster. In politics, Mr. Rife is a Republican of no uncertain stamp, and socially belongs to Inland City No. 88, K. of P., of which he is Past Chancellor; Inland City Division No. 7, U. R. K. of P., and to the order of Red Men. Of the latter society he belongs to Eshahkonee Tribe No. 22, of Lancaster, and is Past Sachem and Keeper of Wampum.

In Lancaster County Mr. Rife was married in 1864 to Miss Weidler, who was born in Upper Leacock Township, and four of the seven children born of their marriage are still living. Martin, the eldest in order of birth, is engaged in business

with his father. In the Lutheran denomination Mr. Rife holds membership, belonging to the Holy Trinity congregation, of which he is now serving as one of the Vestry. Active and upright in his every relation to his fellow-men, Mr. Rife has won for himself the confidence and good-will of all with whom he has been thrown in contact, and has long been considered one of the most worthy citizens of his native place.



**D**AVID B. LANDIS, President of the Conestoga National Bank, is a very wealthy and respected citizen of Lancaster. He is a member of the firm of D. B. Landis & Son, of Lancaster, and is extensively concerned in grain and milling enterprises. The Landis family is a very old and honorable one in this county, and their history is given in detail elsewhere in this volume. The paternal grandfather of our subject was of English descent and was born in this county, where he engaged in farming.

Benjamin Landis, the father of our subject, was born in East Lampeter Township, and became quite well-off, owning five farms, which he operated until he retired from active cares. He died about 1873, aged seventy-one years. He was a School Director, Township Supervisor and a leading Republican of his neighborhood. He married Miss Mary, daughter of David Buckwalter, of East Lampeter Township. Her father was born in the same township, being a Mennonite of German descent, and one of his sons was a minister in that denomination. He was a successful farmer and owner of considerable property. After a wedded life of sixty-five years his wife died, in 1886, and his death occurred at the age of eighty-eight years. To Mr. and Mrs. Landis eleven children were born, eight of whom are living.

The birth of D. B. Landis occurred January 13, 1830, in Upper Leacock Township, of this county, and he lived on his father's farm until twenty-

seven years of age, when the property, comprising one hundred and seventeen acres, came into his possession. From 1857 to 1867 he operated the farm and did considerable business in stock. In 1867 he bought a mill on Mill Creek, three miles from Lancaster, which had a capacity of fifty barrels of flour per day and which he ran for six years. He then sold out and engaged in the brewing business at Lititz for the next twelve years. His home during this period was near Lancaster, where he owned a farm of twenty-four acres. About this time he bought the old Landis Mill on Mill Creek, and also bought another mill property still further up the river, and ran both mills for three years, then selling the upper one. In 1878 he purchased a warehouse on Water and Lemon Streets, Lancaster, and then embarked in the grain business. He has an elevator with a capacity of one hundred ear loads and has buyers here and in the west. He deals in all kinds of grain, making shipments to Philadelphia, New York and Jersey City. The celebrated old Landis Mill is still in his possession, though he now rents it. He is the owner of the Quarryville Mill, which he refitted with steam rollers and modern appliances, and which has a capacity of one hundred barrels of flour per day. The firm to which our subject belongs has the largest business in grain in the county, and his son is the general manager of the concern. In 1889 Mr. Landis assisted in organizing the Conestoga National Bank, was elected its President at the start and as such has continued. This institution was incorporated at \$125,000 and in July, 1891, the capital stock was increased to \$200,000. At that time the bank was removed to the present building at the corner of Queen and King Streets. The Vice-President is P. W. Heistiant, of Millersville, and the Cashier is A. K. Hostetter. Mr. Landis was for eight years a Director in the Farmers' Bank, and owns much property and many residences in this vicinity, in addition to five hundred acres of land in Conawago Township, which he rents.

In 1857 David B. Landis married Martha Groff, who was born in the same township as himself and who was a daughter of Daniel Groff, an old settler and miller of the locality. Mr. and Mrs. Landis

have one child, Clayton G., who is in partnership with his father. The family residence is on East King Street, where they are surrounded by everything which goes to make a home of refinement and culture.

Mr. Landis is a loyal Republican and was School Director of East Lampeter Township for three years. He was twice elected Director of the Poor and was President of the Board for one term. He was for ten years a Director in the *Inquirer* Publishing Company, now known as the Wickersham Publishing Company. As a member of the First Presbyterian Church Mr. Landis is one of its Trustees, being Chairman of the Board and is on the Building Committee.



**J**OSEPH S. ZOOK, a successful contractor and builder, residing in the city of Lancaster, who is a member of the Common Council, was born in Cumberland County, Md., November 11, 1850. His father, Christian Zook, was born in Leacock Township, Lancaster County, in 1825. The grandfather was also born in the same county, and was an old-fashioned farmer. This family trace their ancestry back to Switzerland. For further particulars concerning the ancestry of the Zook family, see the biographical sketch of J. Gust Zook. Our subject's father was married in Cumberland County and was a contractor and builder, and March 3, 1870, returned to Lancaster, engaging in the same line of work. He died in April, 1891, and was an exemplary member of the Mennonite Church. His good wife, the mother of our subject, was Catherine (Steiner) Zook, a native of Cumberland County, and the daughter of Detrich Steiner, a native of the same county, and a farmer by occupation. They reared a family of eight children, seven of whom grew to their majority, our subject being the eldest now living. He was reared midst the scenes of his childhood, and there received his education in the common schools; he also learned the carpenter's trade. He





JOHN A. BURGER.

remained at home until 1870, and then came to Lancaster, and in the year 1874 became a partner of his father as a carpenter and builder, and in 1881 succeeded to the business. He has been an extensive builder for himself and for others. In 1883 he erected seventeen two-story, mansard roof, brick residences facing on two streets, and a year later sold a large number of them. The same year he built eighteen residences on East Hamilton and Frederick Streets, and also had many side contracts. Subsequently he built forty-three residences for himself on Court Street. In 1893 he built fifteen residences on First Street and sold all of them before they were completed. He has averaged about thirty-five residences for a number of years, and now owns fifty residences in Lancaster. His shop is located in the rear of No. 340 Frederick Street.

Miss Anna M. Krauskoff became our subject's wife. She was a native of Lancaster, and died leaving one child, Ralph W. For his second wife Mr. Zook married Louisa A. Stramp, who was born in Lancaster. By this marriage they have one child living, Maude E.

Politically our subject is a Republican, and has served five terms as a member of the Council from the Sixth Ward, being elected in 1888 by a large majority. He has been Street Committeeman and held other city offices. He is a member of the Citizens' Club and Young Men's Club.



**J**OHN A. BURGER is one of the most extensive contractors and builders in Lancaster, and has of late years associated his son in business with him under the firm name of John A. Burger & Son. He has for years had a large and remunerative trade, and has become wealthy by his own well directed efforts and business enterprises. He has been a resident of Lancaster County since 1849, and has followed his present occupation for forty-two years.

Mr. Burger is a native of Allendorf, Prussia, born December 20, 1828. His father, Philip Adam Burger, whose birth occurred in the same province,

was an agriculturist, and to that calling devoted his entire life. He lived and died in the Protestant faith. His wife, Elizabeth Seelbach before her marriage, was born in the same locality, and became the mother of five children, only two of whom are living, and they are residents of Lancaster County.

Our subject was reared in his native land, where he received a good education. At the age of thirteen and a-half years, he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade, and worked for his master two and a-half years. He managed to escape the military draft and worked as a journeyman carpenter. For a year he was employed in Dusseldorf-on-the-Rhine. In the spring of 1849 he left his home on the sailing-vessel leaving Bremen February 24, and landing in New York City on the 1st of May. For about three weeks he worked in the metropolis, and then came to Lancaster County, working for B. B. Martin, in Millersville. In 1852 he became a contractor and builder for himself, and for eighteen years was employed in erecting barns and residences for the settlers of Manor, Lancaster and other townships. He was very ambitious and energetic, often putting up four buildings during a spring. He erected the largest barn in the county, a two-story building 90x120 feet in size on the farm belonging to Christian B. Herr.

In 1869 Mr. Burger came to settle permanently in Lancaster. Among other buildings which he has erected are two of the largest schoolhouses and four other school buildings, four market houses situated in the eastern, southern, western and center of the town. Two churches, many warehouses, store and office buildings show marks of his handiwork, and the Trust Company's and People's Banks are as fine as can be found in the state. A number of the residences of leading citizens were built by our subject, and among them we mention those of John Keller, John D. Skiles, B. B. Martin, B. F. Eshleman, William Spreachers, D. P. Locher and George Spreachers; also the Stephens' house. From the fall of 1875 until the following year, his time was fully occupied in Philadelphia, where he erected fifteen buildings for the Centennial. Moreover, he built the large opera house on Broad Street, Affenbach's Garden and

the dwelling of Mr. Lockard, Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad. During that summer he had in his employ about five hundred men, and the superintendence of so many buildings in course of construction at the same time told severely on his health. Since that time he has taken life more moderately, and has not attempted such ambitious and far reaching affairs. He built the place known as the Burger Block, in which he still owns five buildings, and also other property in different parts of the city. In 1889 he took in his son Adam N. as a partner in the business. They have built an industrial school in Port Deposit, Md., and have under contract the Soldiers' Orphan School at Scotland, Franklin County, Pa.

In Millersville, Mr. Burger was married in 1852 to Elizabeth Neff, who was born in Baden, Germany. Her father, Christof Neff, died in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Burger became the parents of five children, of whom the three eldest are deceased. Frances lives at home; Adam N., who was educated in the Normal, and for two years was a student in the Franklin and Marshall College, married Miss Anna C. Miller, and has two sons, Robert and Charles. Mrs. Burger was called from this life June 1, 1893.

For the past nine years Mr. Burger has been an Elder in Zion's Lutheran Church, where he is an active member. He belongs to Germania Lodge No. 168, while his son is identified with the same order, though belonging to a different lodge. Politically he is a Republican. For a number of years he was a Director in the Lancaster Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and has been greatly interested in whatever has tended toward the development of this place.



**F**REDERICK AUGUSTUS GAST, D. D., is professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States at Lancaster, and is a scholar whose reputation is very extended. He is an authority on these branches of research, to which he has devoted a large portion

of his life, and years of most arduous study. As a member of the London Society of Biblical Archaeology, and of the Society of Biblical Exegesis, he has been prominently identified, and has often contributed articles of great merit to the "Old Testament Student," to the "Reformed Church Quarterly" and many other periodicals. Since January, 1872, Dr. Gast has been connected with the Theological Seminary in his present capacity, and has been a witness and assistant in its surprising growth and progress.

A native of Lancaster, Dr. Gast was here born October 17, 1835, being a son of Christian Gast, who was born in Germany in 1808 and is still living. The grandfather, Frederiek, a native of the Fatherland, brought his family to America about 1817, settling in this city. In Germany he had followed farming, but after coming to the New World engaged as a basketmaker. Christian Gast was reared to manhood in Lancaster, and learned the shoemaker's trade. In 1835 he embarked in business for himself as a manufacturer and retail shoe dealer, being the oldest in the trade, which he continued for many years, or until he retired. A member of the Reformed Church, he has been an Elder for over half a century; for years has been one of the Trustees of the Lancaster Cemetery Association, and active in many local industries. He assisted in organizing the Mutual Life Insurance Company of this place, of which he has been a Trustee, and is a local officer of the Mechanics Library, which he helped to found. Formerly a Whig, he is now an active supporter of the Republican party. His wife, Maria, was a daughter of Jeremiah Eckert, who was born in Schuylkill County, Pa., and in boyhood came to this city. He was a carpenter and architect, having a great reputation as a stair builder, and traveled in all parts of the state working at that employment. He was of German descent, was a soldier in the War of 1812, and died in 1858, when over seventy years of age. Mrs. Gast, who is now in her eighty-third year, became the mother of ten children, seven of whom grew to maturity, but only five are now living. Three of her sons enlisted in the late war. Emanuel, who died in 1875, went out on the first call, enlisting for three months; Albert, a member of

the Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry, was wounded in an engagement, but recovered and served until the close of the Rebellion. Afterwards he engaged in the confectionery business, in which he continued until he was accidentally killed on the railroad in 1892. William, who succeeded to his father's business, enlisted for nine months' service in a Pennsylvania Regiment under Colonel Franklin.

Graduating from the Lancaster High School in 1853, Frederick A. Gast entered the Freshman Class of Franklin and Marshall College, this being the year that the two institutions were united. In 1856 the young man was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and three years later the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him. In 1877 the college of Waynesburg gave him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. In 1856 he entered the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, where he remained for a year, and for the succeeding year had charge of the Mt. Dempsey Academy in Perry County. After a year as Principal of the Lebanon High Schools he was ordained at New Holland in 1859, having charge of the congregation until the spring of 1865. At that time he was appointed Chaplain of the Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Regiment by Governor Curtin, and went to Petersburg, serving until the close of the war, and was mustered out at Alexandria in July, 1865. In September following he went to Franklin County, being pastor of congregations at Loudon and St. Thomas for the next two years. It was in September, 1867, that he was made Rector of the Franklin and Marshall Academy, which later had on its staff Drs. Gerhard, pastor of Reading; Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Education, and Peters, President of Heidelberg College. From 1872 to 1873 he was tutor of the Seminary, and since October of the latter year has held the chairs of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology. The number of students of this well known institution is over five times as large as when he first became connected with the seminary, and great progress has been made in the system of instruction and in every department of the work.

In 1857 Professor Gast was married in this city to Adelina, daughter of Jacob and Maria Frey.

The father is a representative of the early settlers, and in former years was engaged in freighting. The pleasant home of our subject, which he owns, is situated at No. 233 North Mary Street. In politics Professor Gast uses his franchise in favor of the Republican party.



**HENRY R. TROST.** In this sketch we present to the attention of our readers a short record of the life history of a man who is well known in the city of Lancaster. He is one of the most experienced tobacco inspectors in the state, and is at present agent and inspector for F. C. Linde, Hamilton & Co., of New York City. He has made this business the study of a lifetime, and has worked his way up from the bottom to the top round of the ladder.

Our subject was born in this city, January 12, 1851, and is the son of John Trost, a native of Russia. The father came to America when a lad of fourteen years, locating immediately in Lancaster, where he engaged in fruit growing, owning at one time a large estate of four hundred and seventy-four acres. He was an active member of the Catholic Church, and died when seventy-eight years of age.

The mother of our subject, Mrs. Margaret (Gable) Trost, was likewise born in this city and is still living, making her home on the old homestead. She reared a family of four sons and two daughters, of whom our subject was the fourth in order of birth. He received his education first in the common and later in the high schools of his native city, after which he learned the shoemaker's trade. He followed this only a short time, when he engaged in the tobacco business, working in the warehouse, where he was later promoted to foreman of the establishment. He afterward was in the employ of Emanuel Hoffman & Son, of New York, with whom he remained as buyer and receiver un-

til 1876, the year he was made tobacco inspector. For many years he was the inspector for the largest tobacco house in New York, and is the oldest and most experienced in this line of business in this city.

Henry R. Trost was married in 1879 to Miss Susan A. Auxer, a native of this city, by whom he has become the father of six children: John H., Charles H., William R., Gertie B., Myre E. and Clarence A. Religiously our subject is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and in politics is independent. Socially he is a member in high standing of the Royal Arcanum, and is an office holder in his lodge. His residence is located at No. 118 South Queen Street, and his place of business at No. 167 North Queen Street.



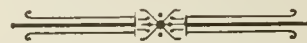
**S**AMUEL SHaub is one of the worthy old settlers of Strasburg Township, of which he has been a resident for about half a century, and though well along in years, still continues to operate his homestead. The Shaub family have been for many generations numbered among the best agriculturists of the county, and have been identified with this immediate locality for over a century.

The paternal grandfather of Samuel Shaub, whose Christian name was Henry, was a very wealthy agriculturist of West Lampeter Township, and followed the lifelong occupation of farming. He was an influential member of the Old Mennonite Church, and was a loyal and patriotic citizen. He married Miss Barbara Herr, and had a family comprising seven children. His son, Henry, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in West Lampeter Township, and on arriving at man's estate, married Miss Elizabeth Denlinger, who died leaving three children, all of whom are now dead. Afterward he was married to Mary Eckman. He died while in the prime of life, being fifty-five years of age. Like his father before him, he made his live-

hood by tilling the soil, and owned a valuable farm in Providence Township. He took great pride in keeping his farm under good cultivation and well stocked, and was a very practical business man. To himself and wife were born six children: Henry, Abram, Martin, Susan, Samuel and Jacob. Susan became the wife of John Martin.

The subject of this biography was born in Providence Township, on his father's farm, March 17, 1816. In the usual manner of farmer boys, his time was spent until he had attained his majority. He assisted in the cultivation of the homestead, and in this way acquired a knowledge of farming, which has been of the utmost use to him in his subsequent life. During the winter terms of school he was a student for twelve years in the district of which he was a resident. When twenty years old he began farming on his own account in Providence Township, and there remained for nine years, owning a good property in that locality. He then removed to Strasburg Township, making a settlement upon the farm which he has since cultivated and now owns.

Mr. Shaub has been twice married, his first union being with Mary Miller, who was called from this life in October, 1874. Their two children, Mary and Aldus, have gone to join their mother in the better land. The present wife of our subject was before her marriage Lizzie Hostetter, and their only child, Amos, lives with them in their pleasant home. Religiously Mr. Shaub is identified with the Old Mennonite Church, to which his father belonged, and in his political convictions is affiliated with the Republican party.



**H**ENRY F. ANDREWS. For considerably more than half a century this honored old settler has been identified with the development and prosperity which are such a prominent features of Lancaster County, within whose limits he has passed his entire life. Since reaching his majority he has followed the business of a jeweler and has a well equipped store in Strasburg.

The father of our subject, Rev. Jacob Andrews



was born in East Lampeter Township in the year 1797. In his early manhood he followed coverlet weaving in Manor Township, after which he operated a farm in Paradise Township, which he sold and retired from active cares in 1863. He was a Republican after the party was formed, for a number of years serving as Tax Collector of his township and for many years was Auditor of West Lampeter Township. He was a very active worker in the Old Mennonite Church and was ordained to preach the Gospel in 1856. He married Fannie, daughter of Henry Funk, a wealthy citizen of Lancaster. To this worthy couple were born two sons, Henry F. and Jacob. The father died in 1873, and his wife's death occurred in 1882.

Henry F. Andrews, of whom we write, was born in Manor Township October 5, 1832. His boyhood was passed on his father's farm and he gave his assistance dutifully to his father for many years. His education was obtained in the public schools of East Lampeter Township, within the limits of which the family was then living. On leaving school the young man became interested with his father in carrying on the homestead and continued to work at that business until he reached his majority. As his tastes were not in the direction of agriculture he decided to learn a trade, and at last made up his mind to become a watchmaker and jeweler. This occupation has been his business from that time up to the present and he has succeeded in making a good livelihood for his family. In addition to his regular business he pays a great deal of attention to fitting spectacles and keeps a good line of optical supplies. He also is local agent for several kinds for sewing machines and sells the majority of those which are purchased in this region.

November 7, 1861, Mr. Andrews married Annie L. Kreider, by whom he has had nine children: Barbara, who became the wife of H. Frank Mowery; Fannie, now Mrs. L. L. Kreider, Jr.; Mary, wife of Ezra H. Mellinger; Esther, deceased; John K.; Annie E., deceased; Henry F., Jr.; Jacob K. and Charles T., deceased. Mrs. Andrews was born December 17, 1841, being a daughter of the well known farmer, Rev. Tobias Kreider, a minister in the Old Mennonite Church. Mr. Andrews has always been

a promoter of good schools and the best educational facilities to be obtained for the children of his district, and for a period of eighteen years has been one of the School Directors in the borough of Strasburg. Politically he deposits his ballot in favor of Republican nominees.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, who bore the Christian name of Peter, learned the weaver's trade in his young manhood, which calling he followed for a number of years. Later in life he took up farming and became the owner of a well improved tract of land in East Lampeter Township, his farm comprising about nineteen acres. He was an old line Whig and was a man who was greatly respected by all with whom he came in contact. A family of six children was born to him and his wife, as follows: Peter, Joseph, Daniel, Jacob, Esther and Elizabeth. In girlhood Mrs. Andrews was known as Magdalene Bosler.



**C**HARLES W. BREUNINGER. The wealth and exalted position of Lancaster County among her sisters in the state is almost entirely owing to the industrious German colonies, who have from time to time located within her limits, and who have in every way developed her resources. Among the natives of the Fatherland who have cast in their lots with the inhabitants of this favored region is the subject of this sketch, who from his boyhood has been identified with the county's welfare. For the past eight years he has been operating a bakery in Strasburg. He is master of his trade, which he has followed for a number of years successfully.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, John Breuninger, made his life work that of a tanner, and died in Germany. He had a family of four children, Jacob J., Elizabeth, Caroline and August. The eldest of the family, Jacob J., the father of

our subject, was born at Sieglingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, July 2, 1818. He learned the tanner's trade, at which calling he worked for about forty-five years. He was quite a prominent man, and was a Councilman in Brackenheim, Germany, and religiously was identified with the Lutheran denomination. For his wife he chose Caroline Eberbach, by whom he had six children, Louisa, who married A. Saalbach; August, Mary, Emanuel, Charles W. and Herman.

The birth of Charles W. Breuninger, of whom we write, occurred in Brackenheim, Germany, August 29, 1858. For some seven years he attended the excellent schools of his native town, and received a good education in his mother tongue. In the year 1871, he bade adieu to the friends of his youth and set sail for the United States. He proceeded direct to Pittsburg, Pa., where in order to obtain a knowledge of English he attended school for about four months. He worked as a printer in the same city for the next three years, and for a period of four years was employed by a book and publishing house in the same place. Then going to Philadelphia he worked for two years in the employ of a publishing house, and at the end of this time abandoned the trade. Going to Coatesville, Chester County, Pa., he learned the baker's business with his brother, where he remained for three years in that locality. For a year and a-half he was in partnership with his brother, Emanuel, and after their connection was dissolved he came to Strasburg, and bought out the baking establishment of John F. Hull. For the past eight years he has operated this plant and has made a success of his business venture.

Though not a member of any church organization, Mr. Breuninger is one of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of this borough. Socially he is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to Lodge No. 564, of Coatesville. A very active worker in the ranks of the Republican party, he has been chosen by his fellow-citizens to be their representative in the town council, and has served in that capacity for six consecutive years, receiving high commendation for his fidelity to the best interests of all concerned. At the present time he is the President of the honorable body, and his in-

fluence is safely relied upon for the promotion of local enterprises and improvements. September 29, 1886, Mr. Breuninger was united in marriage with Catherine Finkbohner, and of their union have been born four children, namely: Mary, Carl, George and Walter.



**J**OHN HOFFMAN HIGH, ex-City Treasurer and ex-Sheriff of Lancaster, makes his home in the city of that name, where he is a popular official and prominent resident. He is a native of this county, having been born in New Holland, November 2, 1836, and is the son of Jacob High, also a native of Lancaster County.

The High family are of Swiss origin and the patronymic was originally spelled Hoch. Jacob High worked as a linen weaver until his marriage, when he abandoned that occupation and began farming. He owned a good estate in East Earl Township, where he was residing at the time of his decease, when eighty-six years of age. His wife, formerly Miss Susan Hoffman, was the daughter of Jacob Hoffman, a farmer in East Earl Township, and a member of the Mennonite Church, with which religious body the parents of our subject were also connected. Jacob High was a School Director for many years, and in politics was first a Whig and later a Republican.

Our subject was the eldest but one in the parental family of three sons and one daughter, and obtained his education in the district school near his home. He remained under the parental roof until attaining his majority, and then, ready to establish a home of his own, was married to Miss Maria M. Renninger, born in East Earl Township, and the daughter of Jonas Renninger, a farmer by occupation. Young High immediately began farming on his own account, and purchasing a tract of land upon which the village of Spring Grove is

now located, set himself arduously about the work of its improvement. He later laid out twelve acres of his farm in a small township, and erecting a store, carried on a large business as general merchant, doing \$20,000 worth of business each year. Mr. High also established two mail routes in the vicinity and was the first Postmaster of the place, occupying the position for ten or twelve years. During this time he continued his mercantile business with remarkable success, and in the spring of 1881 was the successful candidate for the office of Sheriff, being elected over his opponent by a majority of one thousand votes. December 20 of that year he moved into the city of Lancaster with his family, and was the incumbent of the office of Sheriff until January, 1885. During that time there were nine murder trials tried in the courts, and besides these desperate men, Sheriff High captured innumerable burglars and desperate characters of every sort. He was very shrewd in dealing with criminals and succeeded in capturing Isaac Bussard in Chicago and bringing him back to this state, lodging him in the penitentiary.

After the expiration of his term of office, in 1885, Mr. High lived retired from any kind of business for two years, when he began the manufacture of steam radiators in company with Dr. M. L. Herr and F. H. Bare. The business was later incorporated as the Lancaster Steam Radiator Company, with a capital stock of \$35,000. Mr. High was Superintendent and Treasurer of the Company until 1890, when he disposed of his interest in the concern. In 1893 he was elected to the office of City Treasurer by the Council, and his long experience as a business man and politician is a source of great value to him. He is popular with all with whom he associates, and having gathered a never-ending fund of anecdotes, is never more interesting than when relating some story of his experience as an official. Mr. High and his family occupy a comfortable home at No. 533 Duke Street, and besides this residence our subject owns property in East Earl Township.

Mr. High is one of the Directors of the Northern National Bank, with which he has been connected since its organization. To our subject and his estimable wife there have been born five children,

of whom only two daughters are living: Alice C., the wife of J. B. Eshleman, of Ephrata, and Carrie M., now the wife of Fred Pfeifer, of this city. In politics our subject is a Republican, and has been active in the interests of his party for twenty-one years. Religiously he is connected with the Reformed Church and aids in the various phases of church work.



**A** BRAHAM L. THOMAS. Genial manners and strict integrity of purpose are traits of character that invariably make a man popular throughout the community in which he resides, and certainly such has proved to be the case in the history of Mr. Thomas, who is numbered among the most popular citizens of Lancaster County. His judgment is excellent, and he possesses a large amount of mechanical genius. He bears the distinction of being one of the oldest iron merchants in the United States, and is at present a member of the firm of Anne & Thomas, of Lancaster.

The original of this sketch was born in Staffordshire, England, August 3, 1835, and is the son of Thomas Thomas, a native of Gloucestershire, where he was a manufacturer of tin plate, and died at the age of fifty-four years. Grandfather John Thomas was likewise born in that shire, and followed the above business for many years. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-five years.

Mrs. Phebe (Lester) Thomas, the mother of our subject, was a native of England, and the daughter of John Lester, manager of iron works in Tipton, England; he died when in his eighty-first year. Mrs. Thomas was accidentally killed in 1858. She was an active member of the Bloomfield Methodist Episcopal Church.

The parental family of our subject included seven children, of whom three are living. Thomas

L. is a wealthy iron merchant of Tipton, England, and Phebe married Joseph Fullwood, and is also living in her native land. Abraham L. attended the common schools of his shire, and after completing his education began learning the iron business, working in the rolling mills. He commenced at the very beginning, and was promoted from time to time until he was made Superintendent of the mills.

In 1863 the original of this sketch decided to come to the New World, embarking on the steamer "City of Cork." On arriving in this country he went to Allentown, where he was made Superintendent of an iron plant, which position he held for two years, and for the years intervening between that time and 1870 was Superintendent of Tamaqua Rolling Mills. That year, however, he was made President and Superintendent of the Schuylkill County Cast Steel Company, controlling that plant for two years, when he went to Hamburg, and for two years filled the same position for a firm there.

In 1877 Mr. Thomas came to Lancaster, and was soon placed in charge of the Penn Iron Works as Superintendent until 1883. The following year he formed a partnership with Mr. Anne, and the firm have been in existence since that time and are known throughout this portion of the state. Mr. Thomas is held in high esteem by the citizens of his community, both for his present success and for his energy in so nobly conquering the obstacles that stood between him and wealth.

The marriage of Mr. Thomas and Miss Maria Thompson was celebrated in England, July 14, 1861. The lady was born there and was the daughter of John Thompson, a contractor. Mrs. Thomas departed this life in 1877, the same year the family came to this city. She left at her decease six children, Anne M., now the wife Alders C. Herslock; Thomas J., engaged in business with our subject; Ada E., now Mrs. John W. Anne; Florence L. and Berta A., at home with their father; and Amy E., now deceased.

Socially Mr. Thomas is a Mason, belonging to Lodge No. 238, at Tamaqua. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and interested in religious matters. In politics he is an

ardent and influential Republican. In 1893 Mr. Thomas made a trip to England, visiting his old home and his many friends and relatives. He was accompanied on the journey by his daughter, Mrs. Anne.



CAPT. WILLIAM D. STAUFFER, ex-Mayor of Lancaster, and an extensive wholesale and retail hat dealer, was born in Earl Township, on the 20th of March, 1840. His father, John Stauffer, was born in Salisbury Township, Lancaster County. The grandfather, John, was a native of the same place as his son, and the great-grandfather was born in Germany, on the Rhine; he was there married, but subsequently settled in this county, in East Lampeter Township. He had two brothers, Jacob and Benjamin, who settled in Pennsylvania, in Montgomery and Bucks Counties respectively. They were all millers by trade. Our subject's great-grandfather built a mill which he operated for many years, and also carried on an extensive farm consisting of six hundred acres, which he purchased from William Penn. Our subject's grandfather purchased a farm in Salisbury Township, which he improved. His wife's maiden name was Sarah De Shung. She was a Baptist in her religious faith. Her grandparents were born in France, and emigrated to this country with their family, locating in Philadelphia, the father being an importer of chinaware.

Our subject's father was reared in Salisbury, and was a farmer and surveyor by profession, and followed it throughout his life. Late in life he moved to Earl Township, near New Holland, where he led a retired life, and finally settled in the village of New Holland, where he died in 1882, aged eighty-one years. The family were Presbyterians. Our subject's mother, Elizabeth (Wenger) Stauffer, was born near Bird in Hand, Leacock Township, and was the daughter of Jacob Wenger, who died upon his farm. Captain Stauffer's mother still re-

sides with her daughter Josephine, in the village of New Holland, in her eighty-fourth year. The parents of our subject reared a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters. Theodore W., who served in the Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery as First Lieutenant, now resides in Philadelphia and is a hardware merchant; J. Newton served as First Sergeant in the late war, in the One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Regiment, and is now a hardware merchant in Lancaster; Isaac M. is a railroad engineer, residing in Springfield, Mo. The eldest and youngest children are deceased. Our subject, the fourth eldest in the family, was reared in New Holland, and received his education in the public schools in that village.

In March, 1856, Captain Stauffer came to Lancaster, where he worked in a hardware store, remaining in that line of business until the breaking out of the Rebellion, and May 6, 1861, he enlisted in the Union Guards of Lancaster, which company was mustered into the United States service as Company B, First Regiment Pennsylvania Reserves, and remained for a period of three years. He was promoted from time to time, finally reaching the rank of Captain. He participated in some of the heaviest engagements of the war, including the seven days' Peninsula campaign under McClellan, second battle of Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, and others of historic note. After the battle of Gettysburg he was in the Mine Run expedition under General Mead. When the Army of the Potomac was reorganized and the spring campaign opened May 4, 1864, and when General Grant took command, our subject took part in the battle of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Bethesda Church and Cold Harbor. He remained until the close of the war, receiving an honorable discharge. It should be said in this connection, however, that when he returned home for the first time after serving three years, he assisted in raising a company for the One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Regiment and was made its First Lieutenant. November 1, 1864, he re-enlisted in the field for one year, and was made First Lieutenant of Company C, of the same regiment, from which position he was promoted to Captain of Company H, One Hundred and Ninety-

fifth Regiment. For five months he served as Adjutant of his regiment, when he was detailed as Aide de-Camp and Assistant Adjutant General on the staff of Gen. W. H. Seward, Jr., son of President Lincoln's Secretary of State. He was finally mustered out of the service with his company at Washington, D. C., on the 31st of January, 1866. He made a most excellent soldier and saw much of real hardship and exposure.

After his return from army life Captain Stauffer became Chief Deputy to the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County, and in the autumn of 1869 was elected to the office of Prothonotary and served until December, 1872. The following spring he made an extended trip through the west, visiting Kansas and Colorado. In political matters he has always been very active. He was elected Mayor of the city after a hard fought battle in the fall of 1873, with a majority of thirty-one, and was re-elected in February, 1875, by a majority of four hundred and eighty-four votes, when the Democratic majority of the city was over five hundred. His term of office expired in October of 1877, at which time he engaged in the real estate and insurance business, and served as Deputy Revenue Collector under Thomas C. Wiley, but resigned that position to engage in the wholesale and retail hat business under the firm name of Stauffer & Co. The business occupies three floors of a building 22x103 feet in dimensions, located at Nos. 31 and 33 North Queen Street.

Our subject was united in marriage November 9, 1869, with Miss Sarah D. Strickler, daughter of Cyrus and Catharine Strickler, residents of Columbia. By this union five children were born, all of whom are living and bear the names of Celeste B., William R., James D., John W. and Jeanette C.

Mr. Stauffer has been a member of the School Board for many years and was the youngest Prothonotary and Mayor ever elected in the city of Lancaster. He is an honored member of the Masonic order, having attained to the Knight Templar Commandery. He is also a member of the Odd Fellows' society, and is prominent in the Grand Army of the Republic. He has served as Post Commander of Gen. George H. Thomas Post

No. 84, G. A. R., and is a member of Pennsylvania Commandery Military Order of the Loyal Legion. In religious matters our subject is identified with the Presbyterian Church. Politically he is a Republican.



**J** FREDERICK SENER is a very successful business man of Lancaster, and is undoubtedly one of the most influential residents of the county. He is President of the Northern National Bank and a member of the firm known as G. Sener & Sons, dealers in lumber and coal. The family is a very honored and respected one in these parts, where they have been located for several generations.

The great-grandfather of J. F. Sener, Gottlieb Sohner, came from Germany, setting sail for Philadelphia in the good ship "Fane" from Rotterdam and landing October 17, 1749. On the 18th of September, 1750, he was married in Lancaster by the Lutheran pastor, Handschuh, to Maria Barbara Klein, and there were born to them eight sons and daughters. For a livelihood he followed the carpenter's trade. His fifth child, Johannes, was born in Lancaster, Pa., October 7, 1765, and died July 11, 1814. He married Catharine Rung, who was born May 20, 1770, and died November 21, 1851. She was the third child of Heinrich and Anna Maria (Nicholai) Rung. Her grandparents were Wilhelm Rung and wife, Angenosa, on the one side, who came from Grimburg, Darmstadt to Lancaster about the year 1755; on the other side, Johann Dies Nicholai and wife, Elizabeth, who came from Eliburg, Nassau, about the same time. Nine children blessed the union of Johannes Sener and wife; John (first-born, 1798), who married Ann Maria Fick; Godlieb (1800), the father of our subject; Jacob (1802), bachelor; Catharine (1804), married to Christopher Hager; Frederick (1806), bachelor; George (1807); Henry (1808); Sophia (1809), the last three dying in infancy, and Elizabeth or Eliza (1810), widow

of Samuel Miller, who (1894) is the only survivor. The name was originally written Sohner and for convenience sake was changed to the present orthography.

The father of our subject, Godlieb Sener, was born on North Prince Street, Lancaster, Pa., April 23, 1800. Until 1848 he followed the trade of edged tool making, having a shop on North Prince Street. Subsequently he purchased a lumber business from his two brothers, Jacob and Frederick, who had established it in 1833 on the Conestoga Creek, and the following year located the yards on the present site. In 1855 he added a retail coal business and the firm then took its present title. One of his sons, William Z., who was for years President of the Ephrata Bank, is now a partner of our subject. Formerly he was largely interested in many enterprises, among which were the Hamilton Watch Company, of this city, and the Ephrata Water Works. In 1863 the father started a lumber, coal and slate yard at Ephrata which his sons carried on until April, 1894. The death of Godlieb Sener occurred January 11, 1877. He was a devout supporter of the Lutheran Church, being a member of Trinity congregation. He served as a member of both Common and Select Councils from the First Ward, being elected by the Republicans. His wife, Rebecca Zahm before her marriage, was born in this city. She is a daughter of Godfried Zahm, also a native of this city, who was engaged in brush manufacturing until his death, which occurred in his eighty-sixth year. The Zahm family came to this country at a very early day, locating in Bethlehem, Northampton County, whence they came to this neighborhood. Mrs. Sener's grandfather, Mathias Zahm, was born in Nazareth and died in this city in his eighty-sixth year. Seven children were born to our subject's parents: Henry M., who died in 1884, and Edward A., who responded to the emergency call during the late war and died in 1880, both of whom were members of the firm of G. Sener & Sons and Sener & Bros., Ephrata; Cecelia, Mrs. Goodell; Elizabeth, Mrs. Stormfeltz; J. Frederick; Mary, Mrs. Ruple, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and William, a partner with our subject. Harry and Edward were both practical business men. The mother of these children, who is an adherent of

the Lutheran faith, is still living, being now in her eighty-fifth year.

The early years of J. Frederick Sener were passed in this city, where he had good public and high school privileges. When fifteen years old, or in April, 1848, he went to work in the lumber yard and became thoroughly familiar with every department. On attaining his majority his father took him into the firm and he has since been connected therewith. Of late years the yards have been greatly enlarged and many improvements made. They cover one-fourth of a block on the corner of Prince and Walnut Streets, and the coal office is at the same location. The firm deals in Schuylkill and Wilkes Barre anthracite coal, of which they make a specialty, and have a very extensive trade.

August 10, 1885, the Northern National Bank was organized and from its start Mr. Sener has been its President. The capital stock of this concern is \$125,000, and it is one of the most solid financial institutions of the state. Its Vice-President is J. L. Brubaker, and E. J. Ryder is the cashier. Fraternally, Mr. Sener is a charter member and Past Master of Lambertson Lodge No. 476, F. & A. M., and also belongs to Chapter 43, R. A. M., and to the Knight Templar Commandery, No. 13. He is a true and tried Republican, who is greatly interested in furthering the best interests of his party. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, being a member of the Board of Trustees of Grace Church.

The first marriage of J. Frederick of this sketch was to Kate J., daughter of Peter Hamilton, both natives of this county. The lady was a descendant of the original Andrew Hamilton, who laid out and owned much of this city. Mrs. Sener died about four years and nine months after her marriage, leaving one child, Charles M., who lived to be nearly twelve years of age. In April, 1868, Mr. Sener married Elizabeth Keller, who was born and reared in Lancaster, and is a daughter of John A. Keller (son of Adam Keller, one of the worthy early settlers), who followed the business of saddlery. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sener: Frank K., who is in business with his father, and Rosa A. The family residence

is a beautiful place in the suburbs, the grounds covering five and one-fourth acres (on Lititz turn-pike) known as Ermosa Vista.

In tracing the ancestry of Mrs. Sener, who comes from a very old and honored family of Lancaster County, we find that her great-great-grandfather, Johann Peter Keller, was a native of Germany, who came to America prior to 1760, settling in this county, where he died. His wife, Anna Maria, likewise a native of the Fatherland, died in this city January 6, 1782. Their two children, Carl Andrew and Johann Adam, were born in Germany. The elder, whose birth occurred July 14, 1750, married Barbara Bigler, who was born August 9, 1755. The former died in 1805 and the latter in 1831—both in Lancaster. They had ten children, the second of whom, Adam, was born September 28, 1776, and married Elizabeth Schaeffer, who was born in 1786, and of their union thirteen children were born. The second of the family was John Andrew Keller, the father of Mrs. Sener. He married Harriet Tressler and both passed their entire lives in this city. Their eleven children were as follows: Samuel, deceased; Benjamin, deceased, who married Miss Leibley; William A., who married Mary A. Smith, of Philadelphia; Clara, deceased; John A., who married Anna Carrigan; Elizabeth, who is next in the order of birth; Kate, deceased; Harriet M.; Ella, wife of David Early; Emanuel, deceased, and Charles B., who married Harriet, daughter of Lieut. D. H. Leche, of Baltimore.



**H**ENRY MARTIN, engaged in business in Lancaster under the name of the Henry Martin Brick Machine Manufacturing Company, is the inventor of this economical machine, which is used all over the world. Several have been recently sent to the West Indies and to Sagua la Chica, Cuba. They are used at Bangkok, Siam; Dundee, New Zealand; Finland, Russia, and are doing a great work in saving labor. Henry

Martin is a very practical man and a genius in more ways than one. He is also the inventor of the rack and pellet system of drying brick.

A native of England, our subject was born in Derbyshire, in 1832, and was reared and educated in Staffordshire. He is the son of George Martin, born in Derbyshire, and a mechanic. The mother of our subject died when he was an infant, and from the age of thirteen years he has made his own way in the world. He had eight brothers and sisters, four of whom are living at the present time. Henry learned the trade of millwright and carpenter under his father, after which he went to work in the largest brickyard in England, remaining thus employed until he was seventeen years old. Here it was that he gained his first knowledge of brickmaking, brick yard supplies, clay grinding, tempering machines, etc., and how well he turned his knowledge to account will be learned later on.

When a lad of seventeen years, our subject entered a builders' establishment in Birmingham, England, remaining there three years, during which time he mastered the carpenter's trade. Going to Liverpool at the end of that time he began working in a more extensive establishment, and there laid the foundation for his success in life. Instead of idling away his evenings he took a course of instruction from teachers employed by the Young Men's Christian Association, among his studies being drawing and mathematics, in which he was deeply interested and made marvelous progress, becoming in a short time an expert at architectural and mechanical drawing.

In 1858, in company with friends, young Martin left home and crossed the Atlantic for the New World. For a time he worked at his trade of carpenter in Boston, Mass., after which he went to Hartford, Conn., and was there married. On the outbreak of the Civil War his wife, Annie Wood, died, leaving a son, George H., who is now a member of the Henry Martin Company. He too is a practical machinist. On the death of his wife our subject entered the Springfield Armory, remaining until the close of the war, and while there made the models for his first good brickmaking machine. Leaving Springfield, he went to New York and associated himself with others in

the manufacture of the machines. Those interested with him were engaged in the commission and lumber business, and lost all their possessions in the panic of 1873, owing our subject \$23,000. He was thus left with but \$10 in the world, but possessing pluck and courage, and through the aid of friends, he was enabled to continue in business.

About this time Mr. Martin came to Lancaster and again engaged in the manufacturing business with only partial success. He was married in this city, and leaving his family here, traveled about introducing his machines throughout the country. He continued thus occupied until 1876, when the orders began to pour in and at last he made money. Mr. Martin then purchased property and opened up a brickyard, in the meantime his business increasing rapidly. He continued to invest in real estate, until to-day he is the largest tax payer in Lancaster. The management of his business being too large for him to take care of, our subject organized the Henry Martin Brick Machine Company, with a capital stock of \$150,000. The members of the firm are Mr. Martin and his sons; they are stirring business men and have grown up in the atmosphere of brickmaking machinery. William R. Martin is the capable business manager, and is thoroughly posted in all matters directly or indirectly connected with this industry. The brickmaking machine is operated by steam power and has improvements that our subject has been adding for many years as experience has tested them. The firm also design and locate entire plants for the manufacture of brick, test the clay and fit up the yards to manufacture any and all kinds of clay that can be worked successfully.

Henry Martin was married a second time, the lady on this occasion being Miss Alice, daughter of James Prangley, a brickmaker of this city. She departed this life in 1892, leaving the following named children: William R., Herbert P., Alice H. and James P.

Our subject has built seven large tobacco warehouses, owns the warehouse on the corner of North Duke and West Chestnut Streets, and Martin's Hall, and has erected a large plant 212x50 feet in size on Charlotte Street, which they will soon occupy, it being one of the largest and most com-



plete plants in the state, besides thirty-two residences. His own beautiful dwelling is located on West Chestnut Street. Mr. Martin is interested in the Ridley Park Brick Company, of which he is President, and owns a large farm in Wabaunsee County, Kan. In 1883 he returned on a visit to his native land, and while there came to the conclusion that the United States was good enough for him to live in. Socially he is a prominent Mason, belonging to the Council and Lodge of Perfection. In politics he is a true blue Republican, and is greatly interested in the success of his party.



**P**ROF. CARL MATZ, Principal of the Mulberry School, and Professor of vocal music in the public schools of Lancaster, is also Professor of German in the Girls' High School. Being very musically inclined and a fine performer, he is much in demand as a teacher, and is leader of the Maennerchor and is organist and director of the choir in the Trinity Lutheran Church. He is recognized as the leading German scholar of Lancaster and is a composer in a musical way of no small note. A number of times he has given benefit concerts, and in three which were given for St. Joseph's Hospital \$1,700 was cleared. Since 1872 he has been conductor of the well known organization, the Maennerchor, of which he was previously for many years a member, and under his instruction they have given the oratorio "St. Paul," "The Belle," the Eighty-fourth Psalm, and others of interest.

Professor Matz was born in Brussow, Brandenburg, Germany, November 20, 1846, his father being Carl Matz, a native of Grynhoff Pomeria. The paternal grandfather, Otto, was born in the same locality and was a master glass blower. Carl Matz, Sr., who followed the merchant tailoring business, is now residing in Dartmouth, Westphalia, with a daughter. He is eighty-two years old and is still active in the Lutheran Church. His wife, who died

in 1891, aged sixty-eight years, was Louisa, daughter of Heinrich Porath, a butcher and hotel keeper in Brussow. The Professor is one in a family of fourteen children, only three of whom grew to maturity. He received a superior education, and in 1863 entered Real Seminary at Koepnic, to pursue a musical course of study, and was graduated therefrom in 1866 as an organist and conductor. He received a diploma as a teacher and obtained the highest honors of his class. He was especially gifted as an organist, playing the grand pipe organ with ease and ability. Later he took another course of instruction and obtained degrees at the Royal Music School of Berlin, where he passed severe examinations. For about two years he played the fine organ in Melzo, Brandenburg.

In 1868 Professor Matz had intended to go to Valparaiso, South America, there to take a position in a school of music, and he also had another position opened as a teacher of the German ambassador's children in Constantinople, but refused these, coming instead to the United States. He left Bremen in the steamship "Herman" and arrived in New York City after a ten days' voyage. For four weeks he remained in the metropolis and received a number of good offers, but came to Lancaster, where he accepted a position as Principal of Zion's Lutheran Parochial School, and was organist in the church until 1873, when he resigned. Next the Professor was given the position of Principal of German in the public schools\* of this city. For some time he was organist in St. John's Lutheran Church, then occupied a like position in St. James' Episcopal Church, and since 1890 has been leader and organist of the choir in Trinity Church. From 1873 to 1887, he was Principal of German in the public schools when the system was changed, being divided into grades.

Our subject has continued for years Principal of the Mulberry School, which is a twelve-room building with six hundred and forty pupils and thirteen teachers, and he teaches German in the grammar and secondary departments. Since 1887 he has been Professor of vocal music in his own and the high schools, and also gives instruction to private pupils.

In 1868 Professor Matz was married in Germany

to Miss Maria Fiehn, a native of the Fatherland, and they have had two children, Adelle and Ella, both graduates of the high school. The former studied for two years at the Royal Academy of Music at Berlin, from which she was graduated with honor, and is an artist of great ability.

In social circles Professor Matz is gladly welcomed and contributes greatly to the entertainment of his friends. He is an Odd Fellow and a member of the Artisans' Lodge. He has composed several popular pieces of music, and has arranged and written music for Professor McCaskey in his series of nine books of song published by the Franklin Square Library. In politics he uses his influence and ballot in favor of the Democracy.



**F**REDERICK B. DAGEN, a resident of Pequea Township, has made a success of his agricultural pursuits, and has also made a success of running a steam thresher, having each fall all the work in this line he can attend to. Enterprising and progressive in his ideas, he is not confined to the old-fashioned methods, but is in touch with new discoveries and well accredited modern plans of work.

The Dagen family was founded in this country in 1816 by the grandfather of our subject, who bore the Christian name of Casper. He was a native of Germany, and participated in some of the wars of the Fatherland. He learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed to some extent during a large share of his life. In religion he adhered to the German Reformed faith, and endeavored to put in practice in his daily life the teachings of that denomination. His wife bore the maiden name of Maria Shively, and four children comprised their family, Jacob, Maria, Lizzie and Frederick.

The younger son of Casper Dagen was Freder-

ick, who became the father of our subject. He was born in German Switzerland, October 26, 1812, and was only four years of age when brought by his parents to America. He was reared to manhood in Pennsylvania, and learned the trade of a stone mason, which he followed for many years. Afterward he turned his attention to farming, and made a success of this vocation, which he followed up to the time of his death, April 26, 1891. In boyhood he united with the German Reformed Church, with which he was identified during his entire life. His right of franchise he used in favor of the Republican party, and in everything pertaining to the public welfare was a patriotic and a good citizen. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Anna Otto, had nine children, namely: Anna M.; Barbara, who became the wife of Benjamin Radcliff; Frederick B., Elizabeth, Jacob (deceased), Benjamin, Edward (deceased), Abram and Jacob (second).

A native of West Willow Township, Frederick B., of this sketch, was born on his father's farm, November 22, 1851. His early education was obtained in the common schools of the township, but he has never ceased being a student, and has kept abreast of the times by means of private study and general reading. When sixteen years of age he left his school books to learn the spinning trade, which he followed for five years. As that branch of business was not congenial to him, he relinquished the trade, and from that time forward has devoted his energies to farming. In this vocation he has met with distinct success and has become well-to-do. Becoming the owner of a steam threshing machine, he has made a goodly sum in its operation, and carries this on in connection with his regular farm duties. Politically, like his father, he is a Republican. At two different times he has been elected by his friends and neighbors to serve as Township Supervisor, and discharged the duties of the position in an able and capable manner.

October 4, 1877, occurred the marriage of Mr. Dagen and Miss Elvina S. Frick, who was born and reared in West Lampeter Township. This marriage has been blessed by the birth of three daughters and one son, namely: Emma, Charles,

Annie and Amanda. The parents are regular attendants and members of the German Reformed Church. In religious and benevolent enterprises they are always interested, doing what they can to relieve the needy and worthy poor, and thus exemplify the precepts of Christianity.



**T**RUMAN D. SHERTZER, who is an extensive dealer in leaf tobacco and is engaged in the manufacture of cigars, is a member of the firm of Shertzer & Co., who conduct their trade at No. 210 North Duke Street, Lancaster. Mr. Shertzer is one of the enterprising and practical young business men of this city, possessed of good executive ability, and is making a success of his enterprises.

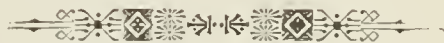
October 31, 1858, at Washington, Lancaster County, occurred the birth of Truman Shertzer, who is a son of Cyrus and Ellen (Douglas) Shertzer. The family is a pioneer one in these parts and for several generations they have been farmers in Manor Township. There David Shertzer, the grandfather, was born, and during his lifetime pursued agriculture and also carried on a distillery in Washington, where he owned a good farm. He was a member of the Church of God, in the faith of which he died in 1874, when he had attained the age of eighty-two years. A good citizen, he was active in the support of the Democracy. By his marriage with Mary Dunkle he had sixteen children, the two eldest dying in infancy, and the others in order of birth are as follows: Jacob, Fannie, Samuel, John, Mary, Ann, David, Susan, Elizabeth, Cyrus, Catherine, Eli, Benjamin and Milton. Catherine was the twin sister of our subject's father, Cyrus. Mrs. Mary Shertzer died in 1873, at the age of seventy-nine years.

Cyrus Shertzer attended the schools of Washington until about eighteen years old, giving much of his time to his father in the management of the farm, and he continued to reside under the

parental roof until his marriage. For about thirty years he was a pilot and engaged in rafting on the Susquehanna River. Later in life he engaged in farming in Conoy Township, of this county, where he became the owner of Haldeman Island, and for eleven years he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, at the end of which time he disposed of his farm and came to Lancaster, where he has been assisting his son in business. For six years he was a School Director of Washington and is a Republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Church of God. Their marriage was celebrated January 15, 1858, and they have had two children, Truman D., and Cora H., wife of William J. Snyder, of Lancaster. Mrs. Shertzer is a daughter of James Douglas, formerly of Washington.

In his youth our subject attended the schools of his native town and later went to Millersville Normal School. In order to further equip himself for business life he entered Eastman's Commercial College, being graduated therefrom in the Class of '84. For several years thereafter he assisted his father in running his farm, but in 1891 embarked in the tobacco business at No. 34 East Chestnut Street. In April, 1891, he removed to his present location and has built up a large trade in tobacco and cigars.

One of the workers in the ranks of the Republican party, Mr. Shertzer is a member of the Young Men's Club of this city and belongs to Orion Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Columbia. In religious faith he has adopted that of his father, being a member of the Church of God.



**E**LIAS B. ESBENSHADE is engaged in general farming and stock-raising on his desirable farm, which is situated in Strasburg Township. The family have been residents of this county for several generations, and have been noted for their sterling qualities and high principles. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Dane L. Esbenshade, whose birth occurred in

Germany, emigrated to the United States, settling in this county in 1736. He was a tanner by occupation, following that trade for some sixty years, after which he retired to pass in quiet his declining years. Religiously, he was a member of the Old Mennonite Church, and came with a colony of that denomination to found homes in the new land of liberty. He married Elizabeth Lefever, and to them were born fourteen children.

The father of our subject, who bore the Christian name of Samuel, was born in Leacock Township, of this county, August 15, 1806, and after arriving at maturity, engaged in farming in Paradise Township, where the remainder of his life was passed. The farm which he operated was in his possession and managed by him for a period extending over sixty-two years. He was a very successful agriculturist, always kept good stock, and became well-to-do. He retired from his arduous cares in 1873, and his death occurred 1894. He was a Republican after the formation of that party, prior to which he was a Whig. He never held any office, however, finding his time fully occupied in caring for his farm and in providing for the wants of his large family. A man of integrity and justice, he adhered closely to his religious convictions as a member of the Old Mennonite Church, and his character and dealings with his fellows were above reproach. He married Elizabeth Howery, and seven sons and three daughters were born to them, their names being as follows: John H., Annie, Amos; Elizabeth, who became the wife of David Ronk; Sophia; Daniel, deceased; Samuel F., deceased; Elias, Abram H., and Isaac, who has passed from this life.

Elias B. Esbenshade was born in Paradise Township, on his father's old homestead, October 8, 1846. He attended the schools of the township, during the winter terms until seventeen years of age, and during the summers gave his service to his father in the care of his property. After leaving school, he continued to be employed on the home farm until he was twenty-six years old. He had been reared to practice the qualities of thrift and industry, and, having regularly laid aside a large share of his earnings, he now found himself able to become a land-holder on his own account,

and purchased the farm which has since been his property, and on which he is still living. This is well located in Strasburg Township, and under his toil and attention has been made a model place in every respect. The owner has taken great pride in keeping a high grade of stock and in making improvements on his farm.

October 30, 1872, Mr. Esbenshade married Frances Hoover, who was born and reared in this county. Nine children have come to bless their union, their names being as follows: Willis C., Enos A., Lizzie V., Milton H., Anna F., Alice E., Laura C., John M. and Ada K.; Laura C. has been summoned by the death angel, but the other members of the family circle are still under the parental roof.

In his political belief, Mr. Esbenshade is an ardent Republican and is very patriotic, holding his own interests secondary to that of his country. For two terms he served as Auditor of his township, meeting the requirements of the position in a very creditable manner. Like his forefathers, he is an adherent of the Old Mennonite Church



**J**OSEPH HOSTETTER comes from a line of sturdy and industrious farmers who have witnessed the upbuilding and development of Strasburg Township, and has not been inactive in the accomplishment of this result. The farm which is now owned by our subject has been handed down from father to son for several generations and his birth occurred on the old homestead which has since been the scene of his life's labors.

Abram Hostetter, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Manor Township, of this county, and during his entire life was a tiller of the soil. He was long numbered among the well-to-do farmers of Strasburg Township and was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. By his





H. M. ENGLE.

union with Elizabeth Buckwalter five children were born: Barbara, who became the wife of Abram Herr; David; Elizabeth, Mrs. Hoover; Susan, who is deceased; and Martha.

The birth of David Hostetter, our subject's father, occurred in this township April 12, 1808. His early years were passed on his father's old farm, which was subsequently deeded to him as the only son. He made a success of carrying on his farm and to his original property, comprising one hundred and eighty-five acres, he afterwards added another farm of forty-two acres. He was politically a Whig but never held office, finding his time fully occupied in the management of his private enterprises and the care of his large family. He was twice married, his first wife being Esther Bossler, who became the mother of one child, a daughter, Hettie, Mrs. Sensenich. The second wife of Mr. Hostetter was formerly Catharine Miller, and ten children graced their union: Abram, Jacob, David M., two who died in infancy, Joseph, Elizabeth (Mrs. Shaub), Catherine, John (deceased), and Amos. The father, who was a member of the Old Mennonite Church, died in 1872, aged sixty-four years.

The birth of Joseph Hostetter, our subject, occurred in Strasburg Township, on the 20th of March, 1839. From his early years industry and thrift were among his marked characteristics and his worthy father gave him the benefit of good training in all practical methods pertaining to farm work. For nearly fourteen years during the school terms, he was a student in the township and has always been a great reader, thus becoming well informed on general affairs and current events. At the age of twenty years he became actively engaged in agricultural pursuits on the old homestead which has been his home up to the present day. This farm is well improved and under a good state of cultivation. Abundant harvests are annually gathered and bring in to the fortunate owner a good and steady income. Mr. Hostetter has always taken great pride in keeping his farm in a thrifty and neat condition and on his place there may at all times be found a fine grade of stock. Preferring the independence of a single man he has never married. In politics he espouses the platform of the Republican party and

helps by his ballot in the election of its nominees. For three terms he served efficiently as Assistant Assessor of Strasburg Township and for three terms has acted in the capacity of School Director.



**H**ENRY M. ENGLE is a man who stands high in agricultural circles and holds advanced ideas on progressive and experimental farming. In many respects he is a model agriculturist. He believes in intensive rather than extensive farming, and his experiments in fruit growing and gardening have been remarkably successful. An influential citizen of Marietta, he is well known throughout this county, where he has made his life long home, and is also prominent in agricultural and horticultural circles throughout the state.

Born in Conoy Township, this county, April 11, 1819, our subject is the son of Henry and Hannah (Myers) Engle. He is of Swiss descent, his paternal great-grandfather, Ulrich Engle, having emigrated from Switzerland to the United States. Jacob, grandfather of our subject, of the River Brethren Church, of which he remained a member until death, was one of the founders and the first minister of that body. Henry Engle, Sr., was a fuller in the woolen mills of Bainbridge, and also followed farm pursuits, residing on Conoy Creek one mile from Bainbridge. His family consisted of twelve children, as follows: Jacob, who died young; Henry M., Mary, John, Jacob, Martha, Daniel, Michael, twins who died unnamed, Annie and Jesse. The father died at the age of sixty-seven, and the mother when thirty-eight.

After completing the studies of the district schools, our subject began farm work, remaining with his father until his marriage. He then purchased one hundred and twenty acres, his present property, where he engaged in general farming, market gardening, fruit raising and the nursery business. Finally he sold a portion of the place,

and about 1864 commenced the improvement of his present property. He then sold his live stock and farming implements, and now devotes his especial attention to the nursery business, fruit raising and floriculture. The land is in the highest state of cultivation and every acre is made to produce the best possible results.

In politics Mr. Engle was first a Whig, but after the disintegration of that party became identified with the Republicans. He now gives his support to the Prohibition party, in the welfare and success of which he is deeply interested. For a time he served as School Director. In the sessions of 1871-72 he represented his district in the State Legislature. For many years he held membership in the Good Templars and Patrons of Husbandry at Marietta, being prominently connected with these organizations until they disbanded. In religious belief he is connected with the River Brethren Church.

The first marriage of Mr. Engle, December 19, 1839, united him with Elizabeth Breneman, and they became the parents of eight children, namely: Enos, Mary, Uriah, Anna, two that died in infancy, Anna and Ezra. By his second wife, Lizzie Musser, one child was born, Horace, now a resident of Virginia. The present wife of Mr. Engle, whom he married in 1875, was formerly Miss Fannie Nissley. Their nine children were Lizzie, who died in childhood; Ella, Harvey, Abbie and Henry, all of whom died of diphtheria; Jennie, Samuel, Elmer and Emma.

Associated with Levi S. Reist, Hiram Engle and Alexander Harris, our subject organized the Lancaster Horticultural Society, afterward merged into the Agricultural and Horticultural Society. Of this he has served as President for a longer period than any other man. He is a member of the American Pomological Society, which meets biennially at various places throughout the country. In the organization of the State Board of Agriculture he was a prominent factor, and was the first delegate sent by the Lancaster County Society to the State Board. In the welfare of these various associations he has taken a warm and active interest, and has contributed not a little to their success. To the promotion of the local and state agricultural

interests, he has been a large contributor, and is influential in agricultural interests and enterprises.

Among his fellow-citizens Mr. Engle has exerted considerable influence, and is justly regarded as one of the representative men of Marietta. As an instance of his influence, he recalls a visit paid him by Tobias Martin, who, inspecting the farm and sampling some choice varieties of fruit, was so charmed with the business that he at once embarked in it for himself. He was very successful, accumulated wealth, and now lives in Kansas in the enjoyment of an ample fortune. He was one of the chief promoters of the Children's Home at Hillsboro, and has largely aided other humane institutions in the west, being a man of influence and widely extended popularity.

This is but one instance of the influence exerted by Mr. Engle among those with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact. He enjoys the esteem of all who know him, and is regarded as a business man of superior ability and success.



**C**HARLES H. LOCHER is a leading business man and prominent banker of Lancaster, being a member of the firm of D. P. Locher & Sons, a well known banking institution in this county. In all the local enterprises he takes great interest and has promoted in a most substantial way many industries which have become very successful largely through his instrumentality.

The grandfather of Charles H., whose Christian name was Jacob, was a tanner and currier in Maryland, in addition to which he owned a large farm on the Hagerstown pike, one hundred and twelve acres of which is still in the possession of the family. The great-grandfather of the latter was a native of Switzerland, who early became a resident of Virginia and the direct descendants removed to Maryland. Grandfather Jacob Locher participated



in the War of 1812, enlisting from Maryland. At an early day he came to Lancaster County and finally engaged in the leather trade in Harrisburg, where he died at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife came from the respected and old Maryland family who bore the patronymic of Grove, and her father was an extensive farmer in that state. She departed this life in 1871, aged seventy-three years.

David P., the father of Charles H., was born on the beautiful Potomac River, in Maryland, and with his father learned the business of carrying on a tannery. On coming to this city he built a tannery on South Prince Street which he operated for two years and then erected a larger structure on Water Street, which he carried on during the war and until 1868. In 1876 he bought a tanyard on South Prince Street, extending the business and enlarging the plant until the income derived therefrom was very considerable. This business he operated until his death, which occurred February 11, 1884, at the age of fifty-seven years, and since that time his sons have carried on the business. In addition to the tannery Mr. Locher owned a good farm in Manheim Township, a tract of some one hundred and twenty acres, well improved with good fences and buildings. This property is still in the family. In the year 1870 he started the bank in partnership with his son Charles H., and in 1872 built the fine building occupied by the same. In addition to his various other business ventures he raised fine stock extensively, taking great interest in his herd of blooded Jersey cattle. In this city he had a fine stable well equipped with good horses, and was the only man in this locality to drive a four-in-hand, his horses being of the Hambletonian breed. In November, 1848, David P. Locher married Clementine M., daughter of Robert Evans, both natives of Lancaster, and in this city Mr. Evans engaged in merchandising for many years, in fact until his death, which occurred in the prime of life. Mrs. Locher survives her husband, living at her pleasant residence on East King Street. Religiously she is a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church of this city.

Charles H., of this sketch, is one of four children, all sons, his brother Robert being engaged in

the tannery business in this city in company with the youngest of the family, Clement E. The other brother, Grove, is a manufacturer in Philadelphia. All the brothers except Charles H. are engaged in running the two tanyards in the city of Lancaster. Charles H. is a native of Pottsville, and was born October 21, 1849, and was reared in this city. His parents returned to Lancaster in 1850. After acquiring a primary education he entered the high school and academy, after which he became a clerk with the banking firm of Evans, McEvoy & Co. This occurred when he was sixteen years of age, and was only an interruption to his studies, to which he later returned. In 1870 he went into partnership with his father, becoming the successors of Evans, McEvoy & Co., in their banking business. This partnership existed until the death of the father, and in 1872 the concern was moved into the new bank building, four stories in height, which was built expressly for the business. After the death of the senior Mr. Locher, Charles H. and his brother Robert became administrators of the estate and since that time they have owned all the stock, the name of the firm continuing as before. The brothers also operate the Conestoga Oak Tannery and the Park Run Tannery, which turns out only harness leather. This is a fine plant and has been greatly improved of late years, but the first tan bath built is still in its boundary. Mr. Locher is one of the incorporators of the City Electric Light and Power Company and Secretary of the same, and occupies a similar position in the Lancaster Hotel Company, being the largest interested party.

In 1872, at New Brighton, our subject married Miss Lila S. Reno, who was born in Beaver County, Pa., and reared to womanhood in Pittsburg. Her father, Eli Reno, owned a farm and was also engaged in steamboating. Mr. and Mrs. Locher are the parents of five children: David, who is a clerk in the bank with which the father is connected; Mira, James, Lila and Robert. The family occupy a fine residence on South Queen Street.

In 1887 Mr. Locher laid out an addition to Harrisburg, a tract of thirteen acres which is now built up, having been sold at a good figure. In June, 1894, he bought the Lancaster & Quarry-

ville Railroad at a public sale for \$300,000, paying cash. In September, 1894, he reorganized the road, was elected President and in connection with a board of directors operates the line. It is a standard gauge road, and has connection with the Pennsylvania and Reading lines. In his politics Mr. Locher is a staunch Republican and is a man of great public spirit, whose influence is only required in order to make various undertakings both of a public and business character become a grand success.



**A**BBOTT K. SPURRIER is now serving as Alderman of the Fourth Ward in Lancaster, having been elected to that position term after term since 1876 and having made a good record in this difficult and exacting place. He is a very active Republican politician and for eleven consecutive years was Chairman of the City Executive Republican Committee, at the end of which time he sent in his resignation. On several occasions he has been a delegate to state conventions, and was alternate delegate in 1880 at the Chicago Convention which nominated James A. Garfield for the Presidency. As an Alderman he holds a commission from Governors Hartranft, Hoyt, Pattison and Beaver.

The birth of our subject occurred in this city on North Queen Street June 13, 1846, and his father, whose given name was George, was also born in this city. His grandfather, William Atwell Spurrier, was born in Bristol, England, and when a young man came to America, in 1814. As the war was then raging between the two countries he remained in Nova Scotia until after the treaty of peace was effected. Then going to Philadelphia he resided there for a year, and in the spring of 1817 with his wife and six children came to Lancaster. By trade he was a tailor and followed that vocation after his arrival here. He was very

prominent in the Presbyterian Church, serving as chorister. Before leaving his native land he became connected with the Masonic order and reached the Thirty-third degree, being a member of Lodge No. 43, of Lancaster. His death resulted from a paralytic stroke about 1835.

Our subject's father learned the tailor's trade and conducted a business of his own at the corner of East King and Christian Streets. For two and a-half years he was the Warden of the County Alms House, and died while acting in that position October 10, 1882, being in his sixty-third year. He was a leading Odd Fellow, and Past Officer of Lancaster Lodge for years. Moreover he was Secretary of the Encampment and belonged to the Odd Fellows' Indemnity Society. Until 1860 he was a Democrat, after which he became a Republican. For a quarter of a century he was an Elder in the Reformed Church and a charter member of the Second Church, of Lancaster. He was one of the originators and stockholders in the Lancaster Cemetery Association. His wife, formerly Margaret Flick, was born here, as was also her father, Henry Flick, a very extensive contractor and builder of German descent and Lutheran faith. Mr. and Mrs. Spurrier had seven children, but only two are now living, our subject and his sister Margaret. Their mother is a resident of No. 531 North Lime Street.

A. K. Spurrier was reared and educated in the public schools of this city. June 25, 1863, he enlisted in Company K, Forty-seventh Pennsylvania Militia, and was in the service three months, the term of his enlistment. In the spring of 1864 he re-enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Eighteenth Infantry, and being assigned to the Army of the Potomac, took part in the battle of the Wilderness and engagements prior to the taking of Richmond. After participating in the Grand Review he received an honorable discharge at Washington, May 10, 1865. Returning home he continued his studies for two years in W. H. Davis' Academy. The next four years were passed as a clerk with the firm of Bair & Clarkson, bankers, and after that firm dissolved partnership he was for three years in the employ of the banking firm of Bair & Shenk. With his practical ex-

perience he felt confident that he was enabled to conduct a banking and brokerage business for himself and started out bravely to carry out plans in that direction, but the panic of 1873 proved too much for the young enterprise and he was obliged to leave the field. Until February, 1875, he was a clerk in the Mayor's office under Capt. W. D. Stauffer and was then elected Alderman for five years. From that time until the present he has been re-elected on the expiration of each five years' term, though at times it has been a close question between the two political parties. In addition to his regular duties he does conveyancing and similar work.

October 12, 1871, Mr. Spurrier was married in this city to Miss Eilen C. Pearsol, who was born and reared in Lancaster. Her father, John H. Pearsol, was one of the proprietors of the Lancaster *Express*, which he established and which is now known as the *Examiner*. Mr. and Mrs. Spurrier have two living children: Anna P. and William Atwell. They are members of the Presbyterian Church and are widely esteemed by a wide circle of friends. Socially, our subject belongs to Monterey Lodge No. 212, I. O. O. F., and to the Order of Red Men.



**W**ILL W. CLEAVER is proprietor of the largest men's furnishing establishment in the city of Columbia. He is the son of David C. and Elizabeth L. (Fenner) Cleaver, and was born July 22, 1871, in Philadelphia. The first representative of the family in America came from Germany, and located in New Hampshire, whence he afterward came to this state and made settlement in Columbia County.

John Cleaver, the grandfather of our subject, acquired a good education and became a successful teacher. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he often served in the capacity of preacher in his neighborhood. John Clea-

ver reared six children, namely: Richard, Sarah, Tassie (deceased), Jessie, George and David C. He lived to the advanced age of ninety years, passing away in 1867 or 1868. His wife was in her seventy-ninth year when called hence.

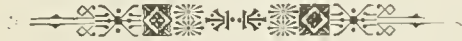
The father of our subject was likewise given a good common-school education, and his father dying soon after the removal of the family to the Quaker City, young David was obliged to earn his own living, and began clerking in a wall paper establishment. He followed this business for a period of thirty years, when he abandoned it and began building and dealing in real estate. He followed this branch of business from 1864 to 1873, and during that time had built over seven hundred houses, which he disposed of as soon as completed. In his real-estate trade, however, he continued until 1888, the year in which he retired from business, and made his home in a beautiful residence on the corner of Nineteenth and Spring Garden Streets, Philadelphia. He owns much valuable property in Philadelphia, and is considered one of the moneyed men of the city. In politics he votes with the Republican party, which he served in the City Council for a period of fifteen years. He is a very popular man in his community, and prominently identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The parental family included five children: Clarence, Edwin and Horace, deceased; Will, of this sketch, and Bessie. The mother died September 12, 1892, when in the fifty-first year of her age. Will, of this sketch, completed his studies in the public schools of Philadelphia in 1887, after which he took a course in the business college of that city.

When ready to start out in life on his own account, our subject began working in the freight department of the Pennsylvania Railroad, remaining in this capacity for two years. In 1890 we find him located in Columbia, and shortly after coming here he formed a partnership with C. C. Root. These gentlemen purchased the business of M. P. Root, and conducted a good business as hatters and men's furnishers until 1892, when Mr. Cleaver purchased his partner's interest in the store, and continued alone for a year at the old stand. April

15, 1893, he purchased the property which he now occupies, and after remodeling it, moved his stock of goods, and now has the largest and one of the finest establishments in the city. He does an immense business, and gives constant employment to five clerks.

In his political relations our subject follows in the footsteps of his honored father, and is a Republican. Socially he is prominently identified with the Masonic order, and is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is very public-spirited, and is interested in many of the important enterprises of the city. He was married on the 23d of January, 1894, to Miss Sarah, daughter of Henry Mullen, formerly Postmaster of Columbia, but now a resident of Philadelphia.



**B**RUNO ASTRICH is the senior member of the firm of Astrich Bros., proprietors of the Ladies' Palace of Fashion, in Lancaster, which beautiful store is one of the most popular business emporiums in Lancaster. The brothers are successful merchants, and spare no effort to please their customers. The subject of this narrative is a truly self-made man, having worked his way up by the exercise of his own natural talents and perseverance. He commenced his career as a cash boy, was gradually promoted to clerk and superintendent, and finally embarked in business for himself, in which venture he has met with great success.

Bruno Astrich is a native of Germany, having been born in Pleschen, Posen, Prussia, December 27, 1853, in which province his parents, Abraham and Henrietta (Ettinger) Astrich, were also born. The former was a merchant of good ability, and both he and his wife are now deceased. They were the parents of four children, of whom Bruno is the eldest, and Louis, his partner, next in order of birth; Herman is a merchant in Harrisburg, Pa., and Lena, wife of Dr. Michaelsohn, is still a resi-

dent of Posen. Our subject attended the excellent schools of his native land until 1868, being also a student in the gymnasium in Posen.

When about fifteen years of age our subject left his native land, being the first of the family to come to the United States. His journey was made by way of Bremen and New York City, and after arriving in that metropolis, he became a cash boy in his uncle's store on the Bowery. This firm was the well known one of A. & R. Ettinger, dealers in fancy goods. With him Bruno Astrich remained until 1870, when another maternal uncle opened a dry-goods store on Washington Street, Hoboken, N. J., and with him he was employed as a clerk, finally being made Superintendent of the whole concern, in which capacity he acted until 1880. His brother Louis, who emigrated to the United States in 1871, was Assistant Superintendent with our subject, and in 1880 they decided to go into partnership. Coming to Lancaster in the spring of that year, they opened a store at No. 13 East King Street, doing a general dry-goods and merchandise business, and there remained for nine years. At that time they removed to their present location at Nos. 115 and 117 North Queen Street, which building was erected for them. This is one of the best blocks in the city, being 32x245 feet in dimensions, and the three floors of this and the basement are occupied by the various departments of Astrich Bros.' extensive store. The basement is used for machinery, heating apparatus, etc., the first floor for the miscellaneous departments of their retail business; the second floor for the suits and coats, and the third for storage and ware-rooms. Every modern improvement to be found in the stores of the great cities may here be also found, such as elevators, electric lights, steam heat, electric cable cash system, etc. On the first floor there are eight incandescent arc lights run by an electric motor. Millinery, notions and everything usually found in a first class department store is here kept in great variety. In May, 1893, the partners started a branch store on Locust Street, which is superintended by Isaac Strauss.

Bruno Astrich was married in 1885 in this city, to Miss Amelia Strauss, a daughter of Joseph Strauss; she was born and reared to womanhood

in Lancaster. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Astrich, who are called respectively Estelle and Gertrude. The pleasant home of the family is situated at No. 705 North Duke Street. Socially our subject is a member of the Royal Arcanum, is ex-President and Monitor of the Sons of the Covenant Independent Order of Bnai Brith. For five years he has been President of the Congregation Gates of Heaven. He was one of the organizers and is now Secretary of Harmony Club, one of the finest social organizations in the city.



**A**DAM DELLET is one of the native sons of Lancaster, coming from an old and honored family, which has been identified with the city's welfare from a very early day. In a number of official capacities he has served acceptably and well, and in December, 1889, was appointed by Governor Beaver to act as Alderman from the Ninth Ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George W. Pinkerton. In the following spring he was regularly elected Alderman to serve for a term of five years, and has his headquarters at No. 418 North Queen Street.

'Squire Dellet was born May 24, 1841, being a son of Adam and Susan (Huber) Dellet, both natives of Lancaster. The paternal grandfather, a native of France, came to this city at an early period, and followed his profession of an architect until his death. The maternal grandfather, Peter Huber, who was born in Lancaster, was of German descent. In order to make a livelihood he followed the occupation of a butcher, and lived to attain a good old age. Adam Dellet, Sr., was a prominent railroad contractor and did considerable construction work on the State and Pennsylvania Railroads. He was foreman of a construction department and made a success of his undertaking. He continued engaged in contract work until his death, which resulted from cholera, which was then epidemic. At the time of his

death, in September, 1855, he was fulfilling a large contract in Pittsburg. Politically he was a Democrat, and later became identified with the Know-Nothing party. At one time he served as High Constable, but for the most part his time was so fully occupied with his business interests that he declined to accept public office. His wife died when about eighty-seven years of age, and of her thirteen children, eleven are still living: Adam, Jr., being the ninth in order of birth.

The education of our subject was obtained in the public and high schools of Lancaster, and on completing his studies he worked for a time in a daguerreotype gallery; he then served an apprenticeship to the printer's trade with the gentleman who was known as "Jolly Jack" Heistand, M. C. After becoming familiar with the trade, young Dellet was placed in charge of the job department of the *Examiner* office, and with an intermission of about a year, when he was in the war, continued as a printer in the same office until 1888, when he retired. In 1862 he volunteered as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Seventy-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry, and was mustered in as Sergeant at Harrisburg for nine months' service. Going with his regiment to the south, he was stationed mainly on guard duty at Yorktown and Williamsburg. In August, 1863, he was mustered out of the army of Harrisburg, and at once returned to Lancaster. In 1862 Mr. Dellet married Elizabeth Knight, who was born in England, but was only five years old when her father, Thomas Knight, brought her to America. The latter, now deceased, was a gardener by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Dellet became the parents of seven children: Annie O., Mrs. William Aldrich, of Lancaster; Samuel G., a printer in the office of the *Examiner*; Jennie J., Mrs. J. Frank Sweeton; Minnie M., Mrs. H. G. Pinkerton; John O. L., now employed with the Pennsylvania Iron Works; Emma B. and Joshua L.

Governor Geary appointed Mr. Dellet to serve as Bank Assessor for Lancaster County in 1877, and that year he made the regular assessments and reports in a most creditable manner, winning high commendation. A Republican of the staunchest kind, he has been a member of the County Committee and the Lancaster City Executive Commit-

tee, frequently being sent as a delegate to conventions of the party. Socially he is identified with Admiral Reynolds Post 405, G. A. R., of which he has been a member for many years.



**HENRY B. ESBENSHADE.** The substantial and well-to-do citizens of Binkley's Bridge have no better representative than our subject, who stands among the keen, progressive, business-like farmers and stock-raisers who are so ably conducting the agricultural interests of this part of the county. He is the son of Jacob and Maria (Binkley) Esbenshade, and was born in Manheim Township, Lancaster County, November 8, 1844.

The ancestors of our subject were of German extraction. Peter Esbenshade, the grandfather, emigrated from the Fatherland when a young man, and spent the rest of his life in this county, dying in 1845. He was a shoemaker by trade, but in later life engaged in agricultural pursuits, in which occupation he was very successful, amassing over two hundred acres of excellent farming land, divided into three farms. A Whig in politics, he took a lively interest in the welfare of his community. He married Mrs. Elizabeth (Howry) Leffever, and to them were born four sons, Henry, Jacob and David (deceased), and Joseph, a retired farmer living in this county.

The father of our subject started out in life a poor man, and for the first five years after leaving home, lived on one of his father's farms. In 1830 he purchased property in this township, to which he added from time to time as his means would allow, until at his decease he was the possessor of eight valuable farms in different parts of the county, aggregating over seven hundred acres. He was one of the wealthiest men in Lancaster County, being worth \$260,000, besides \$30,000 which he had already divided among his children. He was a staunch Republican in politics, and was a man greatly honored and respected in his community. Often he was called upon to act as administrator

in the settlement of valuable estates, among them being that of Daniel Brubaker, one of the substantial residents of this county.

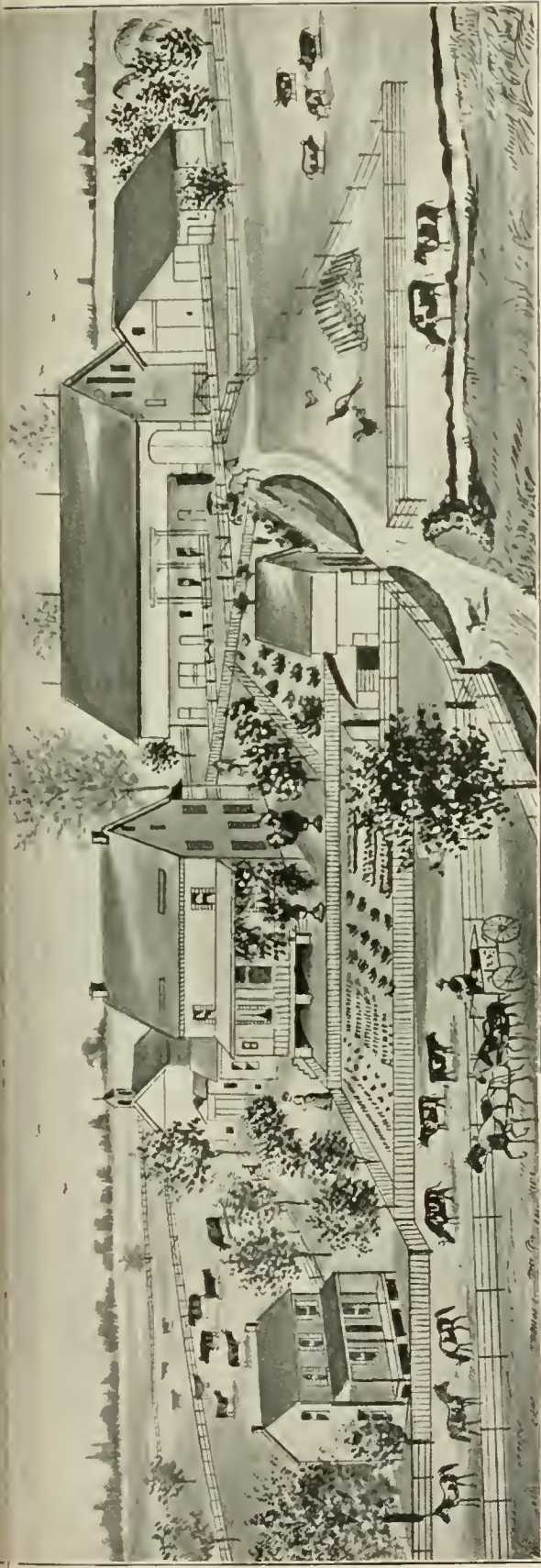
The parents of our subject were married January 5, 1832. Mrs. Esbenshade was the daughter of David Binkley, brother of the builder of the bridge which now bears the family name, and which was the first to span the Conestoga River. Their union resulted in the birth of thirteen children: Elizabeth, Christian B., Barbara, Susan, Jacob, Maria, Henry, David, Amanda, Isaac, Peter, Anna and John.

The subject of this sketch was the recipient of a good education gained in the public schools, and has followed farm pursuits all his life. Having surmounted all difficulties with the energy characteristic of him, he is now one of the wealthy and large landowners of Lancaster County, having in his possession three hundred and forty broad and well cultivated acres. He is a member of the Reformed Church, and his political sympathies are with the Republican party.

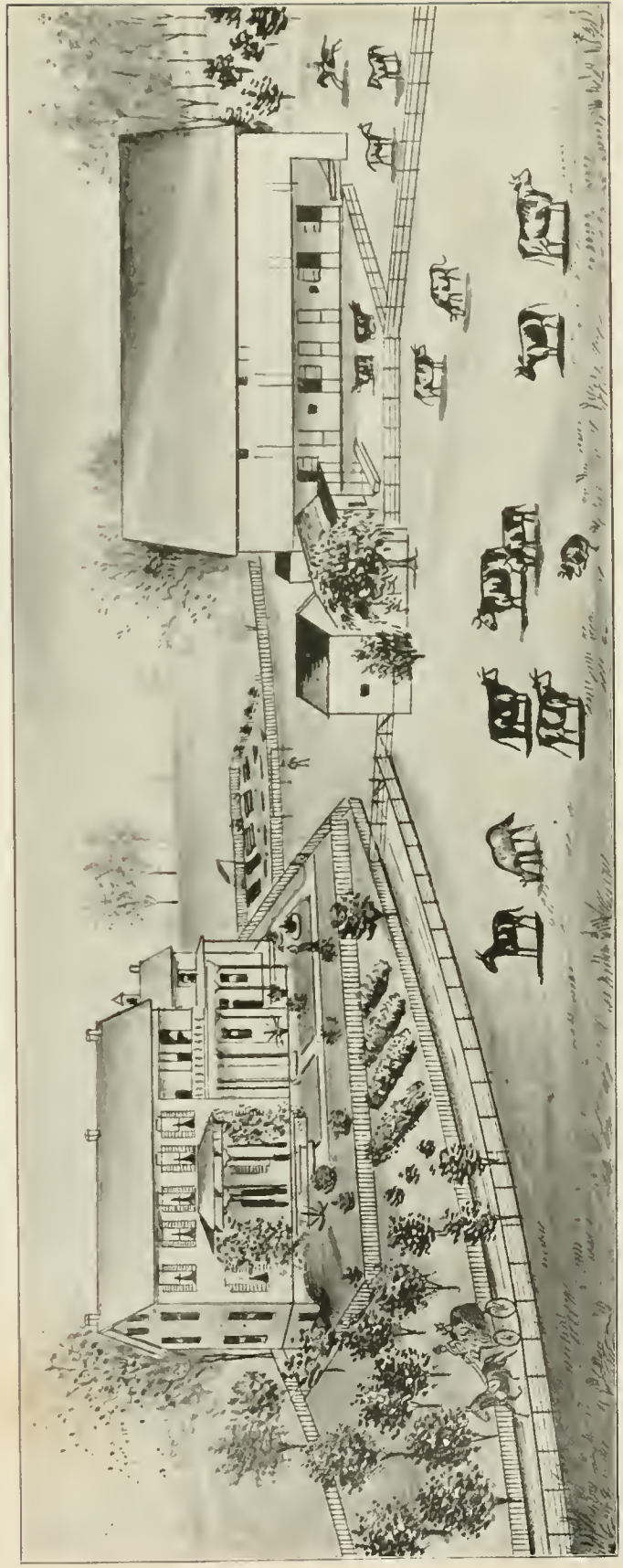
December 20, 1866, Mr. Esbenshade married Miss Adeline, daughter of Jacob Weidler, a prosperous farmer of this township. To them were granted five children, namely: Ada, wife of Abram Kreider, residing in East Lampeter Township; Minnie; Noah, deceased; Harvey and Henry. Mr. Esbenshade is at all times and in all ways interested in worthy causes, and never fails to give his influence for the good of the community of which he forms a leading member. A popular man, esteemed for his integrity and nobleness of purpose, he ranks high among the citizens of the county.



**CHRISTIAN B. ESBENSHADE** is a representative of an old family of this county, and is numbered among its wealthy farmers and stock-raisers. In Manheim Township, of which he is one of the leading citizens, his name is held in honor and respect. He is the son of Jacob and Maria (Binkley) Esbenshade, and was born on



FLINT SPRING FARM, PROPERTY OF C. B. ESBENSHADE, 1 1/2 MILES NORTH OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA.



FARM RESIDENCE OF HENRY B. ESBENSHADE, 2 1/2 MILES NORTHEAST OF LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA.





the old homestead in the above township, February 28, 1834.

Peter Esbenshade, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, August 17, 1763, and emigrating to the United States, settled in Lancaster County, Pa., where he died July 20, 1845. He was a shoemaker by trade, which occupation he followed for some time after coming hither, but the later years of his life were devoted to agricultural. In this vocation he was very successful, and at the time of his decease left three good farms, aggregating over two hundred acres of well cultivated land. In political matters he was a Whig. Soon after coming to America he married Mrs. Elizabeth (Howry) Lefever, a widow with three sons, Daniel, George and John, who are now deceased. Their union resulted in the birth of four sons, Henry, Jacob and David, all of whom are deceased, and Joseph, a retired farmer living in Lancaster County.

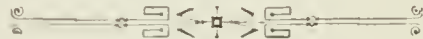
Jacob Esbenshade, the father of our subject, was born on the old home farm in Paradise Township, January 18, 1805, and after receiving a good education remained at home until reaching his twenty-fifth year, when he commenced farming on one of his father's estates. About 1830 he purchased the property in Manheim Township which is now owned by his son, our subject. He started in life comparatively a poor man, but by industry and economy kept adding to his property until at one time he had in his possession six good farms in Lancaster County, aggregating in all about six hundred acres. He was regarded as one of the wealthiest farmers in this section, but being very reticent regarding his business affairs, even his own family did not know his worth in dollars and cents until after his death. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and was the recipient of various positions of honor and trust. He was frequently called upon to act as administrator in the settlement of valuable estates, and acted as such for the family of Daniel Brubaker.

On the 5th of January, 1832, Jacob Esbenshade married Maria, daughter of David Binkley, a miller of Binkley's Bridge. To them were born the following-named children: Elizabeth, Christian B., Barbara, Susan, Jacob, Maria, David, Henry, Peter,

Amanda, Isaac, Anna and John. The husband and father died November 10, 1881; his good wife preceded him to the better land, passing from earth March 19, 1879.

The subject of this sketch was reared on the home farm and educated in the public schools, remaining at home until reaching his thirty-second year, when he located upon the farm he is at present occupying. He was engaged in its cultivation for eight years, when he returned home, but in 1880 again took up his residence on his beautiful estate, where he is engaged in mixed husbandry. He is also the proprietor of a farm in Providence Township, which is under a good state of cultivation and is occupied by tenants.

Mr. Esbenshade has always manifested a deep interest in the welfare of this community, and he has been Director and Treasurer of the Northern Market House in Lancaster for some time, and is also stockholder in the Lancaster and Ephrata Company. At all times and in all places he has shown himself to be a loyal citizen, and is well regarded by his fellow-townsmen.



**A**LBERT SMITH is a very practical and progressive farmer of Providence Township, Lancaster County, and in addition to operating his farm he has for a quarter of a century been engaged in selling farm machinery and implements, and has made considerable money from sales of phosphates and fertilizers. He is one of the native sons of this county, within whose limits his entire life has been spent. John Smith, our subject's paternal grandfather, was also a farmer in Strasburg Township. He married a Miss Carpenter and had a family comprising four sons and two daughters, namely: John, Gable, Abraham; George F., the father of our subject; Susan, who became the wife of Isaac Hull, and Sallie, who married Henry Kendig. George Smith was born in Strasburg Township, and in his early

business career kept a hotel, to which he added farming in his native township, and devoted his energies to carrying on his farm up to the time of his death. He was politically a Whig, but was never an office seeker. He married Miss Mary Winters, the daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth Winters (this name was formerly Winterhimer), and of their union four children were born: Henry W., John C., George W. and Albert E. The father of this family passed from this life in 1830, while still in the prime of manhood, as he was only forty-five years old at the time of his demise.

Albert Smith, of whom this is a brief life history, was born at McCall's Ferry, in Martie Township, of this county, July 24, 1818. His early education was obtained in the old-fashioned subscription schools of Smithville, Providence Township, where he was a student until he had reached his seventeenth year. Then being desirous of making his own livelihood he secured a position as a clerk in a mercantile business in Smithville, and was employed in that capacity for nearly two years. Returning then to the business with which he was most thoroughly conversant from experience, he began farming in Providence Township. For a period of twenty-two years he carried on a farm in Martie Township, and later became the owner of a place in the township of Providence. His present farm comprises about one hundred and seventy-five acres, and upon the homestead there are good improvements in the shape of fences, barns and outbuildings. The home of the family is pleasant and commodious and everything about the place is kept in a neat and business-like manner. For years Mr. Smith has sold the main part of the farm machinery used in this portion of the country, and derives a good income from that venture as well as from his sales of phosphates to his neighbors.

In his early manhood, Mr. Smith was a member of the Masonic order, being affiliated with Lodge No. 157, of Drumore Center. He holds membership with the German Reformed Church, and is an active worker in the same, giving liberally of his means to its support. In politics he deposits his vote for Democratic nominees, and though he has

had many opportunities to hold official positions has uniformly declined the honor, as he has always been without desire to act in a public capacity.

In 1856 Mr. Smith was married to Susan Eymann, a native of Providence Township, Lancaster County, and they have had five daughters born to them, the eldest of whom, Mary, is deceased, and the others are; Linda, Emma, Laura and Ella.



**E**LIPHALET ORAM LYTE, Ph. D., A. M., of Millersville, has been eminently successful as an educator for a period extending over a-quarter of a century, and is very popular throughout the state as an institute instructor. In 1887 he was elected Principal of the State Normal School of this place, and has devoted himself to the improvement of all its departments and to still further elevating the standard of the institution, which has long borne a high reputation. Dr. Lyte has almost grown up with the Normal, having been a student and teacher in it since his boyhood, with few interruptions, and is therefore more than ordinarily interested in its progress.

The birth of our subject occurred in Bird in Hand, Pa., June 29, 1842, and his early years were passed in assisting his father to carry on his nursery and garden, and during the winter he attended the public schools. It was while he was preparing for college that the War of the Rebellion came on, when he offered his services in the defense of the Flag, and for three years was faithful and efficient. At the battle of Chancellorsville, he received a wound, from the effects of which he has never entirely recovered. He went out in a regiment of infantry as a private soldier, but soon won promotion and held a commission in a battery of light artillery. In a number of great battles fought by the Army of the Potomac, he was actively interested, and belonged to that division of the service until the close of the war. Returning to his home

Dr. Lyte continued his studies and taught in the district schools of his native county for two years, subsequently entering the Pennsylvania State Normal School of Millersville, from which he was graduated in 1868, and later completed the scientific course. He was at once elected a member of the faculty as Professor of rhetoric and bookkeeping, and later, for many years filled the chair of pedagogy and English grammar. The Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts in 1878, and also that of Doctor of Philosophy in 1887. The same year he entered upon his duties as Principal of the Normal School, in which he had successfully taught from the time of his graduation. The number of students enrolled continues to be greater year by year and largely in excess of any similar institution in the state. At the same time the course of study has been extended and the school has been made more distinctively a teachers' institute than ever before. Of late a gymnasium, library building, one for physical science and mechanical arts and various other structures have been erected which will add greatly to the efficiency of the school.

The special studies and interests of Dr. Lyte have led him along the branches of language, philosophy and pedagogies, and he is the author of a series of text-books on language, one on bookkeeping and several on music. On educational and literary subjects the Doctor is a popular lecturer, being the possessor of well matured and advanced ideas on all topics connected with public education as well. In addition to his duties as Principal, he fills the chair of psychology and logic. In 1891 he was made President of the Pennsylvania Teachers' Association and is a life member of the National Educational Association. For a number of years he has served as a Director of the National Association and is Vice-President of the Council of Education connected with that body. He is also a member of the American Academy of Political Science.

Fraternally Dr. Lyte is a Mason of the Thirty-third degree, that distinction having been conferred upon him in 1885. He also belongs to the Loyal Legion, the Grand Army of the Republic and the Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

Dr. Lyte has many practical plans for the further development of the Normal and hopes to still keep increasing its renown as an educational center. He has a genuine love for the institution with which he has been so long connected, and for that reason has continually declined to consider the acceptance of positions which might be esteemed more important and which were certainly more desirable from a financial point of view.

In March, 1872, occurred the marriage of Dr. Lyte and Mary, daughter of Dr. Isaiah McJunkin, of Philadelphia. Two children have been born of this union, Louis and Gilbert. Dr. Lyte and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church and have many sincere and devoted friends in all circles of their acquaintance. In manner the Doctor is very affable and courteous, and by his students, though firm and an excellent disciplinarian, is beloved and respected.



**W**ALTER S. BARE, a successful business man of the city of Lancaster, is justly entitled to space in this connection. He is a packer and dealer in leaf tobacco. Born in Bareville, Pa., on the 3d of October, 1857, he is a son of the late Dr. A. S. and Eliza (Ann) Bare. The years of his boyhood were spent in Cincinnati, Ohio, to which place he returned in 1872, residing in the family of his uncle, Martin Bare, a prosperous merchant of that city. There he received an excellent education.

In 1880 Mr. Bare became superintendent of the large edged tool works at Hamilton, Ohio. The business of this concern rapidly increased, the products finding a large sale in the west and south. In 1887 he came to Lancaster and engaged in the tobacco business, becoming a partner in the firm of Jacob Wolf & Co., and remaining in that connection until the firm was dissolved in 1889. He then established himself in business at No. 34 East Grant Street, where he still carries on trade in all grades of domestic and imported tobaccos. By careful atten-

tion to business, and by energy and square dealing, he has built up a very large trade.

At Brownsville, Fayette County, Pa., December 12, 1888, Mr. Bare was united in marriage with Miss Mary, daughter of J. Nelson Snowden, who carried on a large business as a boat builder at Pittsburg and Brownsville. Politically, Mr. Bare is a staunch Republican. His religious connections are with St. James' Episcopal Church. He is regarded as one of Lancaster's most popular and successful business men, both he and his estimable wife having the respect of all who know them.



**A**DOLPHIUS S. VILLEE. The subject of this sketch is well known in Lancaster as one of the overseers in the Farnum Cotton Mills. Our subject's grandfather was once Governor of Paris, at a time when the name was spelled de Ville. His son, Herman W., who was born in Paris in 1789, was a graduate of the military school and was a prominent attorney, well known in the history of France. He joined the army in 1805, and was at the battle of Austerlitz, where Napoleon won one of his greatest victories, some relics of which our subject has now in his possession. He also has a pair of solid silver spurs used by his father at the battle of Waterloo, also his sword. He followed the Eagles of the Empire into Spain and Portugal, being connected with the artillery as Captain, in the conflict of 1812 against Russia, and was at the burning of Moscow. In 1814, after Napoleon had been sent as an exile to Elba, he took the oath of allegiance to the new king, Louis XVIII. After Napoleon was sent to St. Helena, Villee, with others, was forced to leave France. In 1815 he went to England and from there he went to the West Indies. In 1820 he came to America, bringing with him \$35,000 and landing at Philadelphia. From there he went to Reading, where

he engaged in the printing and publishing business, including French, English and German publications. Subsequently he started a newspaper at Lancaster and opened a large book store. He was a friend of President James Buchanan. After losing all of his property by going on other people's bonds, he removed to Lewisburg, where he kept a tavern, and from there moved to Milton, but after a short sojourn in that place we find him conducting a hotel in Sunbury, Northumberland County. Later he lived in another part of the county, where he taught school, and died in 1842. He established the Postoffice at Harders Church, but his commission as Postmaster came after his death. In politics he was a Democrat and was noted as a campaign speaker. He spoke French, German, Italian and Spanish fluently. He belonged to the German Reformed Church.

Our subject's mother, Matilda Regina (Strein) Villee, was married October 26, 1828; she was a native of Lancaster, and the daughter of John Jacob Strein, who was born in Germany, and settled in Lehigh County, Pa. He engaged at teaching, but in 1805 located in Lancaster, the old residence being on South Duke Street. He engaged as organist and teacher in Trinity Lutheran Church for a period of about thirty years. He died at Lancaster aged seventy-seven years. The mother also died there aged sixty-seven years. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Villee consisted of six children, five of whom reached their majority, and three are still living: Sarah, Mrs. Samuel Greiner, of Lancaster; Mary B., the widow of George W. Brown, of Lancaster; Adolphus S., the subject of this sketch; Herman, who was in the Fiftieth Pennsylvania Infantry, and is now deceased; and John Henry, a salesman in Philadelphia, who went to California in 1856 by the way of Panama. He traveled through Oregon and Washington and went to New Mexico, but has not been heard from since 1861.

The subject of this sketch, the third child in order of birth, was born in Lancaster on the 24th of May, 1832, but was reared in Northumberland County until past sixteen years of age. He there attended the schools common to that day and age, but at that time his father died and he

was compelled to work on a farm, going to school twenty-four days each winter for three winters. When fifteen years of age he began school teaching in his home district. He also clerked in a Postoffice for a time. In 1848 he again went to work on a farm, continuing until he came to Lancaster, and in March, 1849, commenced working in cotton mill No. 1 to learn the weaving trade, the wages at that time for an apprentice being fifty cents per day. He continued in this mill until 1850, when he was engaged in cotton mill No. 2, where he was assistant foreman. April 7, 1865, he was promoted to be overseer of the weaving department. It should be stated in this connection that during the first year of the Civil War he went into the service as wagon master of a train under General Banks, in the Shenandoah Valley, and remained until February, 1862, when his train was broken up and transferred. After he was retired, he returned to his home, believing the war to be nearly over, but in 1863, being impressed with the thought that it was his duty to help suppress the Rebellion, he volunteered in the Fiftieth Pennsylvania Infantry as a member of Company I. After the battle of Gettysburg, he did guard duty about ten weeks and was mustered out the last of August, 1863. After his return he again entered the cotton mill with which he has since been connected. He is Secretary of the People's Building & Loan Association, helping to organize that institution, and has been one of its directors from its start. It now has a capital of \$218,000.

Our subject was married at York, on the 11th of April, 1852, to Miss Julia A. T. Hammond, a native of Prince George's County, Md. She was the daughter of George Hammond, who was born in Massachusetts, and died in Grafton, W. Va. Our subject's wife died December 3, 1889, in her fifty-ninth year; she was a devout member of the Lutheran Church. Eight of their eleven children grew to manhood and womanhood: Herman W., a machinist; Julia A. M., Mrs. Hutchinson, of Lancaster; Charles A. D., who is the assistant foreman under our subject; George Edwin, who died when an infant; Henry Locher, who died at the age of thirty-two years, at Congers, N. Y., June 10, 1893, and was in the employ of the "Review

of Reviews;" Mary Elizabeth, the widow of William A. Tobias, who resides with our subject; Edgar Lincoln, who died at the age of five years; Sarah Katie, who died aged six years and six months; Emma Harriet, a graduate of the high school, living at home; Bertha Greenwold, now Mrs. John A. Sprenger, of Lancaster; and John Walter L., musician and piano tuner.

Mr. Villee is an honored member of Lodge No. 88, K. of P.; he was a charter member of the lodge, and was its first Secretary. He was District Deputy for several years. He belongs to the Canas-sa-te-go Tribe of Red Men, and is Past Sachem. He is also a member of the Artisans' Order of Mutual Protection, and of Admiral Reynolds Post No. 405, G. A. R. Both he and his estimable family are identified with Trinity Lutheran Church, and in politics he has been a Republican ever since the days of John C. Fremont.

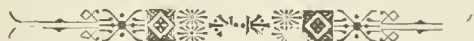


JOHN J. JEFFRIES, representing Cullman Bros., of New York, in their tobacco trade, was born in Lancaster, August 18, 1851. His father, Levi Jeffries, was born in the same county. His grandfather, John J. Jeffries, was born in Chester County. He was a mason by trade. In 1816 he located at Maytown, and died at the age of ninety-one years, in 1885. Politically he was a Democrat, and voted for James Monroe. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, and belonged to the Reformed Church. The great-grandfather came from Scotland to Chester County. The father of our subject was a stone mason by trade, and went west when a young man, but later returned to Lancaster and engaged in laying brick, continuing in the same for many years. He met with an accident at Reading by falling down inside of a smokestack, forty-five feet high, breaking both of his legs. He died at Lancaster, February 22, 1885, aged sixty years. The mother, Catherine Shindel, also a native of Lancaster, and the

daughter of Peter Shindel, who was a cigar manufacturer, still lives in Lancaster, her age being seventy-one years. The family are members of the Lutheran Church.

Our subject, the only child, was reared in Lancaster, and there had the advantage of good schools. He learned the trade under his father, working with him from 1866 to 1882. He was in company with his father several years prior to the latter's death. Having had experience in packing tobacco, in 1883 he was employed as the representative of Cullman Bros., with whom he has been associated ever since.

From a business point of view our subject has been unusually successful, and now owns several fine residences in Lancaster. He was united in marriage in 1870 with Miss Lou Gates, who was born in Chester County, Pa., and is the daughter of Emanuel Gates, a shoe manufacturer. By this union five children were born: William, Edward, Charles, Frank and Lottie. Mr. Jeffries takes an active part in all public matters, is a member of the School Board from the Fifth Ward, and belongs to the Artisans' Order of Protection. Politically he is an active worker in the Democratic party. His wife is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church.



**D**AVID E. MAYER, a well known and respected citizen of Strasburg, has served as Supervisor of the township for seven terms, and has been one of the School Directors for six terms. He is very active in politics, being a staunch Republican. For three terms he served as Inspector of Elections, and for three years was Clerk of the Election Board, and in addition to those offices has held that of Judge of Elections for one term. March 29, 1894, he was appointed to serve as County Commissioner, and is still acting in that capacity. His career as a public man has been marked with ability and fidelity to affairs coming under his jurisdiction, and he has given entire satisfaction to his constituents.

Christian Meyer, the grandfather of our sub-

ject, in the early part of this century was a leading settler of this locality. By trade he was a blacksmith, which occupation he followed for a number of years, and then began milling. He invested a large sum of money in land situated in West Lampeter Township, but never was to any extent engaged in agriculture. In politics he was an adherent of the old Whig party. He married Miss Mary Miller, and seven children graced their union, namely: Isaac, Leah (Mrs. Herr), David, Jacob, John, Hattie (Mrs. Hildebrand), and Nathaniel.

The eldest in the last named family, Isaac Mayer, was born in West Lampeter Township, and in his boyhood worked on a farm. For about twelve years he was employed by a neighboring agriculturist, and subsequently with the sum he had succeeded in laying aside bought a farm in Strasburg Township, and to its cultivation gave his attention for the next thirty years, after which he lived a retired life until his death. Politically he was a Whig, and on the formation of the Republican party became identified therewith. He was School Director of Strasburg Township for two terms, and was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. In the year 1836 he was united in marriage with Mary Hoover, by whom he had a family of three sons: Christian, now deceased; David E. and Isaac II.

The nativity of David E. Mayer, the subject of this article, occurred in West Lampeter Township, August 4, 1838. He received such school advantages as were afforded by the district schools of the neighborhood, which he attended until reaching his eighteenth year. His life was passed uneventfully, his father training him in the duties pertaining to the operation of a farm, and with him he continued to make his abode until his father's death, in 1877. In that year he embarked in business for himself on the home place, and has made a specialty of raising vegetables and all kinds of berries, etc., for the Lancaster market. He has been very successful in this enterprise, his land being fertile and well adapted to the purpose for which it is used. The owner has manifested good ability in a financial way, and has acquired a snug little fortune through his indus-

trious and persevering efforts. He has never married, preferring to live an independent life and has kept "bachelor's hall. His friends and neighbors, who have known him as man and boy for over half a century, think highly of him, for he is a man of sterling integrity and honest worth.



**J**OHAN F. BRIMMER. It affords us pleasure to place before our readers an outline of the history of this gentleman, who is one of the enterprising and substantial business men of Lancaster, where he is the proprietor of a finely equipped livery stable, which he is carrying on in connection with his brother, C. H. Brimmer. Our subject is also engaged in the leaf tobacco business, and by carefully attending to details, has accumulated a handsome competence.

A native of this city, our subject was born in August, 1855. He is the son of Frederick Brimmer, of whom a fuller history will be given in the sketch of C. H. Brimmer, on another page in this volume. John F., of this sketch, was the youngest member of the parental family, and obtained his education in the city schools. When old enough he learned the trade of a baker, and in 1872 started in business with his brother, they operating together as bakers until 1876, when John F. and a Mr. Feltman established a tobacco business, buying for a New York house. They continued this for two years when Mr. Brimmer began working on a salary, being in the employ of different firms in New York and California until the year 1881. The following year he began in business with C. G. Shubert, which connection was dissolved two years later. He then formed a partnership with G. C. Kienbusch, of New York; the latter took care of the business in New York, while Mr. Brimmer had the management of the house in Lancaster. They operated together until 1887, when our subject engaged in the tobacco trade on his

own account. He has two buildings devoted to the storage of that article, whose capacity combined is three thousand cases. Mr. Brimmer buys the tobacco in the bundle from the producers and packs and inspects it himself. During the busy season he gives employment to sixty men.

In connection with the business already mentioned, Mr. Brimmer is interested with his brother C. H. in a livery stable, and is a stockholder in the Hamilton Watch Company, of which he is also a director. He also has money invested in the Helvetia Leather Company and is a stockholder in the Union Building and Loan Association. Mr. Brimmer has invested a large amount of capital in real estate in Charlestown, W. Va., and also owns considerable property in Lancaster. His beautiful residence is located at No. 110 North Duke Street. He is now building a fine residence at the corner of Marietta and President Avenues, which is surrounded by two and one-half acres of ground and forms one of the most attractive spots in the city.

The marriage of Mr. Brimmer and Miss Mary M., daughter of Herman Muller, was celebrated in 1879. They have had born to them two children, John R. and Elizabeth. In social affairs our subject belongs to the Royal Arcanum. He is a true Christian and an active member of the First Presbyterian Church. In politics, he was reared a Democrat and has been a follower of that party ever since.



**D**ANIEL R. McCORMICK, M. D., is one of the leading and successful young physicians whose field of practice is in Lancaster, of which city he is a native. A member of the leading medical associations of the county and state, he takes an active part therein, keeps thoroughly posted on all the latest discoveries and is constantly extending his knowledge of the fraternity to which he belongs. Educational ideas and affairs in this city have few more enthusiastic supporters than the Doctor, who has been a member

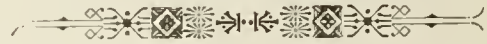
of the School Board, and at one time was President of the organization.

The father of our subject was born in Philadelphia and came to Lancaster in its early days, being for some time engaged in contract work. Taking up the study of medicine, he entered the Philadelphia University, from which he was graduated, and then devoted himself to the practice of his profession here until he was called from this life, in 1869. He bore the same Christian name as his son of whom we write, and by his marriage with Mary A. Reutter nine children were born, all but three of whom are yet living. Mrs. McCormick is still a resident of Lancaster, her home being with her son.

After receiving a good public school education, our subject, who completed the high school course in 1875, entered the drug business, and during the intervals of his work studied medicine, his tutor being Dr. J. O. Boyd. In 1882 he was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He next pursued a special course in chemistry, after finishing which he became a partner of Dr. Boyd in his practice. In 1883 the latter died, and since that time our subject has carried on the practice alone. When the St. Joseph's Hospital was started Dr. McCormick was made one of the medical staff, and served as such for two years. For four years past he has been a member of the Lancaster Board of Health, and is President of the Board of Examining Surgeons for Pensioners, having been appointed in the spring of 1893. As formerly stated, he is a member of the Lancaster City and County and the State Medical Societies. Formerly he was Vice-President and is still associated with the Pathological Society.

An active worker in the ranks of the Democracy, Dr. McCormick has for years been a member of the County Democratic Standing Committee; was Secretary of the County Committee at one time, and has often been chairman of various county and city conventions, being also a delegate to the state conventions of his party. Foremost in educational affairs, the Doctor has used his influence to the best of his ability in the promotion of good schools and the best teachers to be obtained. For ten years he was a member of the City School

Board, of which he was President for two terms, and during this time nearly all of the modern school buildings were erected. As a member of the Finance Committee his suggestions and recommendations were consequently regarded as most important, and he used wise discretion in the disbursement of the people's money and in the organization of the Lancaster school system, which is justly considered very complete and satisfactory.



**G** SAMUEL FLICK is one of the largest contractors and builders in Lancaster, and has always had as much work on hand as he could well attend to. His work gives the best of satisfaction, and he is in great demand, for he gives his personal attention to every detail and is thoroughly reliable and strictly business-like in his methods. He is a native of this city, having been born here April 16, 1854, and his life has been passed within the city limits.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Henry Flick, lived on West King Street when Lancaster was a small village. He was a successful carpenter and builder in his day, having erected some of the Conestoga Cotton Mills among other structures in this locality. He was a Whig in politics and a man much respected in the community. In his family were the following children: Henry, George, Fred, William, Mrs. R. M. Morrow, Mrs. Charles Ames, Margaret Spurrier, Mrs. Brillhart and Jacob. The parents of our subject were Henry and Elizabeth (Smith) Flick. The father of our subject was born in this city, where he learned his father's business and followed the trade all his life. In former years he was a Whig, and after the organization of the Republican party became its firm adherent. He was called from his labors in May, 1882, when he had reached the age of sixty-five years, but his wife survived him for ten years, dying in April, 1892, in her seventy-third year. Of their five children, the eldest, Frederick, is a carpenter, and the others in order of birth are as follows: Henry, Charles, G. Samuel and Mary C.

Mr. Flick, of this sketch, attended school only







SAMUEL NISSLY.

until thirteen years of age, when he became clerk in a hat store, remaining there for four years, but on account of his health he abandoned the business and worked for three years at the carpenter's trade. For ten years succeeding that he was foreman for Philip Dinkleberger, who died in 1886. Since that time Mr. Flick has been carrying on business on his own account, and among other buildings which show his handiwork are Springer's Brewery, the handsome residence of Mr. Senor, the Lancaster Caramel Factory, which he remodeled, besides many others. He erected a wing on the Watch Factory, and has filled many other contracts of less importance. He employs upwards of twelve men, attends strictly to his affairs, and the success which has blessed his efforts is owing to his energetic and business-like methods. Socially he is connected with Lancaster Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., Washington Encampment No. 110, Fulton Castle No. 210, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and belongs to the United Friends Life Insurance and the Mutual Reserve of New York City. Though he has always refused to serve in an official capacity, he is a stalwart Republican and is interested in the welfare of his party.

April 15, 1879, Mr. Flick was united in marriage with Ladel Ladora, daughter of Martin Leber, of this county. They have had a son and daughter, William H. and Mary C., but the little girl was called from their home by the angel of death when only ten years of age.



**S**AMUEL NISSLY. The subject of this sketch is one of the oldest and most honored citizens of Weidmanville. For over fifty years he has held the office of Surveyor, and for almost the same length of time has served as Justice of the Peace with satisfaction to the entire community. He is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in Lancaster County, May 29, 1815. His parents, Henry and Catherine (Martin) Nissly, were

also natives of the same state. The grandfather of our subject was a native of Lancaster County and was born in 1759.

The family originally came from Switzerland, and was numbered among the pioneer settlers of Lancaster County. Jacob Nissly, the founder of the family in America, emigrated to this country early in the eighteenth century, settling upon property in Pennsylvania which his descendants have continued to occupy to the present day. The father of our subject was born July 12, 1783, and became a prominent farmer of Clay Township. In 1807 he married Miss Catherine Martin, a daughter of Peter and Catherine (Flickinger) Martin, her father being a farmer of the same county. Their union was blessed with nine children, all of whom were born in Clay Township, Lancaster County, and four are now living. They were named: Peter, Martin and Henry, all deceased; Samuel, our subject; Elizabeth; John, deceased; Catherine, Anna, and Isaac, deceased. The father of the family passed away in 1869, at an advanced age.

Our subject was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the common schools of his native place. When eighteen years of age he went to Lititz to learn the cabinet-maker's trade, which took two years. Afterward he worked three years in the same place, and then returned to the farm and carried on his trade there for two years. In 1840 he learned land surveying under the guidance of his uncle, Peter Martin, and in this occupation he has since continued.

In 1850 Mr. Nissly was elected Justice of the Peace and has been re-elected every five years since. He is President of the Lincoln National Bank, and has been a member and Director of the Northern Mutual Life Insurance Company since its organization in 1844. He has served as Secretary and Treasurer of the same for some time, and is the President of the company at the present time.

Politically Mr. Nissly is a Republican, but was originally an old-line Whig, having cast his first Presidential ballot for William Henry Harrison in the year 1840. Catherine (Martin) Nissly, the mother of our subject, was a daughter of Peter Martin, conveyancer and Justice of the Peace of Weidmanville. He was commissioned Justice of

the Peace for Cocalico and Elizabeth Townships by Gov. Thomas Mifflin in 1791 and held that office until 1835. John Martin, the original Martin of this family, emigrated from Virginia and located in Ephrata, Pa.

Mr. Nissly never married, preferring the life of single blessedness to the uncertainties of matrimony. He is a liberal-spirited and progressive man and has the best interests of his locality at heart. He gives his support to all worthy public enterprises, and does all in his power to advance the general welfare. He is always faithful to every trust, and whether in business, official or social life, he is ever an honorable, upright man, worthy the high esteem in which he is held.



**D**AVID L. DEEN, a leading Republican politician of Lancaster, is Clerk of the Common Council, and is Alderman from the Sixth Ward, having his office at the corner of North Queen and Walnut Streets. For a number of years he has served as Clerk of the Common Council. He is a member of the Republican County Committee, and for a number of years was Chairman of the Republican City Committee.

The paternal grandfather of David L., James Deen, was born in Ireland, and with his parents and two brothers came to Lancaster County, locating on what is now the Evans Farm. Later he removed to Juniata County, where he bought a farm, and continued to make his home thereon until his death, which occurred when over eighty years of age. He was a much respected and honored member of the Presbyterian Church. His parents were born in Scotland, and removing to the northern part of Ireland, resided there for a few years. Thomas Deen, the father of our subject, was born in Lancaster, Pa., and after his marriage to Catherine B. McGlinn, in Lancaster, made this city his headquarters, though he was a traveling salesman for a dry goods firm in Philadelphia

until the war. He offered his services and was made sutler for the First and Second Pennsylvania Reserves. He died in 1862 in Philadelphia, aged fifty years. His wife was a daughter of Anthony McGlinn, who was a carpenter and builder, and also an undertaker in this place. For one term he was Coroner of Lancaster County, and his death occurred about the year 1871, when he was in his eighty-eighth year. He was of Irish descent, and a Catholic in religion. Mrs. Deen died in the year 1882. Six children, three of whom died in infancy, preceded her to the better land. Those living are, William M., a retired contractor and builder, who was in the Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry until disabled at the battle of Green River; Thomas A., who is a machinist and electrical engineer, and David L. His brother, James A., of the Tenth Pennsylvania Infantry, was one of the first soldiers of this state. His life was offered on the altar of his country's liberties, as he died at Chambersburg on the 22d of May, 1861. The parents were members of the Presbyterian Church, and the father was a Democrat until the war, when he affiliated with the Republican party.

David L. Deen was born in the city of Lancaster May 12, 1817, and attended the public schools. His father died when he was a lad of fourteen years, and he then obtained employment in a grocery owned by John D. Skiles, with whom he remained for two years and a-half. He next learned the machinist's trade in the Lancaster Locomotive Works, serving an apprenticeship of three years. For eight months he was in the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pittsburg, and later was in those of Conemaugh and Johnstown and the Renova and Baldwin Locomotive Works. Returning to Lancaster, he was employed in the Conestoga Cork Works for about three years, having charge of the machinery. For six years and a-half he was Chief Engineer of the city water works of this place, and then for four years was Chief Engineer of the Penn Iron Works. In 1884 he was elected by the City Council for one year as a Street Commissioner. In the spring of the next year he was elected Alderman from the Sixth Ward, and afterward was appointed to fill a vacancy of about three

months. In May he received his commission from Governor Pattison, and in 1890 was re-elected, his commission being given by Governor Beaver.

In 1879 Mr. Deen married Maggie Seith, who was born in Philadelphia, but was reared in Lancaster. They have had three children: William L., Mary E. and Charles F. The eldest son is a druggist in Philadelphia, and a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and will soon be in the druggist's business in Lancaster. The pleasant residence of the Deen family is located at No. 525 East Chestnut Street. Since 1868 our subject has been a member of the Knights of Pythias and is Past Chancellor. For one term he was Foreman of the Grand Jury, and for some time was a member of the American Order of Steam Engineers. He is Secretary of the Lancaster County and Protective Association, and has been at various times influential in assisting new organizations and enterprises. He is a gentleman of social disposition, and is very fond of hunting.



**J**OSEPH R. GOODELL, of the firm of Joseph R. Goodell & Co., heavy dealers in coal and lumber in the city of Lancaster, was born in Washington County, N. Y., near Granville, June 22, 1821. His father, Joseph Goodell, was born near Salem, Mass., and the grandfather, Joseph, as well as the great-grandfather, whose name was also Joseph, were natives of the same locality, and were farmers by occupation. Joseph Goodell, the great-great-great-grandfather, was a member of the family of Robert Goodell, who settled near Danvers, Mass., in 1634, coming from England about that date. The family were of Puritan stock, and were of the Congregational faith.

Our subject's father was a soldier in the War of 1812; he was a cabinet-maker, which trade he learned in the town of Keene, N. H. After the close of the War of 1812 he returned to Granville, N. Y., and soon engaged in the manufacture of furniture,

and later removed to Waterford, N. Y., where he engaged in the same line of business. We next find him located at Cohoes, N. Y., where, in company with others, he constructed a sawmill and conducted a very successful business. His next field of operation was at Bridgeport, Conn., where he operated a veneering mill, it being the first of that kind of machinery operated. After a successful business life, he retired and traveled through different parts of the country. His wife passed from the scenes of this life at Plainfield, N. J., and he died in Lancaster, Pa., aged eighty-nine years. In religious matters he was a Presbyterian, and in politics he was identified with the Whig party.

Our subject's mother's maiden name was Melinda Wilmoth; she was a native of Massachusetts; and died at the age of sixty-two years, having reared a family of five children, three of whom are living, our subject being the eldest.

Joseph R. Goodell was reared in the Empire State, where he obtained a good common school education. At the age of fourteen he embarked on life's ocean for himself, going to New York City, where he secured a position as clerk. He remained in one store for ten years. In 1817 he took steamer for the Pacific Ocean to Callao, South America. After his return by way of Cape Horn, in 1849 he took another voyage, going around Cape Horn, and touched at Panama, and from there sailed to San Francisco; during this voyage he saw much of the ocean world. While in the vicinity of Murders' Barr, he ran a stationary engine in a sawmill for eighteen months, and in 1851 returned to New York City, by way of the Nicaragua route. After his trip abroad, he settled down at his old business again, in the year 1869 locating for himself on Washington Street, Lancaster, in his present business, and becoming a member of the firm of McComsey & Co.; in 1877 he succeeded his partner, since which time the firm name has been Joseph R. Goodell & Co. Besides a very large lumber trade this firm handles twenty thousand tons of coal per annum. Aside from his regular business, our subject has over a score of residences throughout the city which he rents; fifteen of these he built himself.

Our subject formed the acquaintance of his wife,

whose maiden name was Celia Sener, in Philadelphia, and they were married at Lancaster, October 16, 1860. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Sener. He and his estimable wife are the parents of two children: J. Edward, who was graduated with the Class of '94, from Franklin and Marshall College; and Mary, at home. Politically our subject is a Republican, and has always taken an active part in the public welfare of his county and state; he has been elected three times as a member of the Common Council from the Ninth Ward of his city, and has held numerous other local offices. He is an honored member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows' fraternities, and is an acceptable member of Grace Lutheran Church.

Our subject is a living example of what one man can accomplish by beginning life in a proper manner, with an ambition to achieve success. Whether as a clerk in New York City, working on board an ocean steamer, running a sawmill, or digging gold with the famous old "Forty-niners" in California, or in his counting-room, making large sales of lumber and coal, he is the same careful, considerate person, of whom the world has none too many.



**J**AMES W. DOWNEY, a member of the firm of Downey Bros., builders and manufacturers, was born in this city in 1845. He is the son of David Downey, whose birth occurred in the North of Ireland in 1819, and the grandson of Samuel Downey, who, on emigrating with his family to America, located in this county, where he was the proprietor of a good farm, and resided until his death, in 1856.

The father of our subject was a shoemaker by trade, but during the later years of his life engaged in dealing in stock, shipping to Philadelphia. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and died in 1872. In politics he was a decided Democrat, and for several terms served as a mem-

ber of the Common Council from the Ninth Ward. He was married to Eliza J. Downey, his second cousin, who was also a native of this city, and who died March 1, 1892, when in the sixty-eighth year of her age.

The parental family of our subject included six children, three sons and three daughters, of whom James W. was the oldest member. He was educated in the public schools and would have graduated with the Class of '63 had it not been broken into by the Civil War. He belonged to the military cadets of Lancaster, under Captain Young, and in 1864 enlisted in Company E, Fiftieth Pennsylvania State Militia, with the three months' men. On the expiration of his term of enlistment, he again offered his services to his country, and was mustered in as Lieutenant in a company, enlisting for nine months. He was not permitted to go to the front, however, his father compelling him to stay at home.

In 1864 Mr. Downey went to Philadelphia and was taken into the firm of J. G. Rouse & Co., dealers in carriage hardware and trimmings, their place of business being located on the corner of Fourth and Arch Streets. In 1889 he disposed of his interest in the business, and returning to this city, engaged in trade with his brother, Charles E., under the title of Downey Bros. They bought the old carriage bolt works, which they converted into a shop for the manufacture of carriage woodwork. It is two stories in height, 33x164 feet in dimensions, containing storehouse, drying rooms, etc. Their shop is supplied with a fifty horse-power engine, and all the machinery necessary for the successful carrying on of their business. They manufacture all kinds of shafts, poles, spokes, hubs, bows, etc., used in making carriages. Since the summer of 1890 the brothers have operated a sawmill in Baltimore County, Md. It is a portable structure, and can be moved upon the timberland which they purchase in different portions of the county, and manufacture the oak, ash and other varieties of lumber on the ground. Downey Bros. ship the product of their factory to all points in the United States and Canada.

Our subject was married February 16, 1875, in Edgewater Park, N. J., to Miss Ella F., daughter

of Davis W. McClellan, a native of Philadelphia, where he was engaged in contracting and building. To Mr. and Mrs. Downey there have been born three children, William H., Frank D. and Marian G.

In social affairs our subject is a prominent Mason, holding membership with Lodge No. 369, in Philadelphia. He also belongs to Robert Morrison Lodge No. 29, I. O. O. F., in the same city, in which he has passed all the chairs. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and in politics is an unswerving Democrat.



**J**OHAN C. BALDWIN. Among the worthy old settlers and respected citizens of Strasburg Township is this gentleman, who has been a witness of and has assisted in the prosperity and development of this region. In his earlier days he was a very active politician and has frequently been called upon by his friends and neighbors to serve in public positions of responsibility and honor.

Our subject's paternal grandfather, who bore the given name of Anthony, was a member of the Society of Friends, and passed his entire life in the state of Delaware. By occupation he was a manufacturer of buckskin gloves and breeches. He married a lady of English descent, Mary Harland by name, and by their union twelve children were born, in order of birth as follows: Worthel, William, Robert, George, Joseph, Harland, Hezekiah Thomas, Stephen, Rachel, Elizabeth and Mary.

The father of our subject, Anthony W., was born in Delaware, April 25, 1784, and in his early manhood went to Chester County, Pa., where he learned the trade of clock and watch making. On coming to this county, which he did in the first years of this century, he worked at his vocation in New Holland and was for one year in Strasburg with the Hoff family. Later he settled in Lampeter, where he engaged in business for himself, and followed his trade successfully there up

to the time of his death, which occurred in 1857. He was a Whig, and during his last year of life became affiliated with the Republican party. He married Maria Bowman and by her had a family of fifteen children. John C., Eliza, Mary, Anthony W., Levi, and William were all that grew to maturity.

The birth of John C. Baldwin, who was the eldest of his father's large family, occurred in New Holland, this county, November 1, 1808. He attended the schools of West Lampeter Township for only thirteen months in all, which was the extent of his advantages. To his own efforts he owes his education, for he was thrown upon his own resources and learned the trade of clock and watch making, which business he followed for some time.

Mr. Baldwin has served as Township Supervisor and Assessor and has also been a School Director on different occasions. He was elected Clerk of the Orphans Court in Lancaster in 1863 and as such served for three years. In religious belief he is a Mennonite.

On the 9th of March, 1811, was celebrated the marriage of John C. Baldwin and Elizabeth Herr, a native of Providence Township, Lancaster County, and by her marriage she has become the mother of ten children: Mary E., who became the wife of Henry Shaub; Adeline, who married Amaziah Baldwin; Henrietta, now Mrs. Frank S. Hoak; Alpheus, Elizabeth, Elmira, Benjamin F., John C., Jr., Martin and William.



**D**R. JAMES P. WICKERSHAM, one of the distinguished educators of Pennsylvania, is worthy of special mention, for he has left his impress upon the times. He was born in Newlin Township, Chester County, Pa., March 5, 1825, and after a long and useful life died in Lancaster, March 25, 1891. He was a son of Caleb and Abigail (Pyle) Wickersham, and was descended from a long line of honorable ancestors, among the best of the Society of Friends, early settlers in

eastern Pennsylvania. He was trained from childhood in the tenets of their belief, and early learned the high appreciation of all that is good, and detestation of evil. His father, a farmer, was a man of strong convictions and intellect, and his mother took delight in training her children to habits of industry and self-reliance. His primary education was obtained in country schools, after which he entered Unionville Academy, and there among his fellow-students were such men as Bayard Taylor, Hon. J. Smith Futhy and others who became prominent in after years. When only fifteen years old, Mr. Wickersham took charge of a school, and in 1845, then only twenty years old, was induced to become Principal of the Marietta Academy. At the time it had been his intention to read law at West Chester, but his parents, as members of the Society of Friends, opposed his entering the legal profession, and urged his acceptance of the position in the Marietta Academy, which he finally accepted. This school, which had met with great reverses, was held in a rented room, and comprised only twenty pupils. He succeeded so well that in 1852 there was a membership of over one hundred pupils, who pursued their studies in a fine building of which the Principal was the owner, and which had a library comprising over five hundred volumes. December 25, 1847, Mr. Wickersham married Emerine I. Taylor, one of his early schoolmates; she was a young woman highly gifted, a devoted Christian, and a loving and faithful helpmate to her husband. He remained Principal of the academy until the spring of 1854, and while there was very active in organizing the Lancaster County Educational Society, of which he became President.

In 1854 Dr. Wickersham was one of the delegates from the last-mentioned society to the American Association for the Advancement of Education at their meeting in Newark, N. J. He was on the committee for the first County Institute, being one of its first Vice-Presidents. When the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association convened in 1853, he was very earnest in his advocacy of a memorial to the Legislature, praying for the appointment of a State Superintendent of Public Schools, and to create the office of County Super-

intendent. The following year the Legislature passed the Act providing for a County Superintendent, and the Doctor was elected to fill this position with a salary of \$1,500. Too much cannot be said in praise of the pioneer work done by him for the best interests of the schools of this county. In Harrisburg, July 12, 1854, occurred the first meeting of County Superintendents, and the Doctor was very active in the transaction of work done by this meeting. During his entire occupancy of the post of County Superintendent he was at the front of various educational institutes and meetings, and in the spring of 1855 held a Normal Institute at Millersville, of which he was Principal, and was later appointed to serve permanently as such by the Trustees. In order to take this position he resigned his office of County Superintendent in the fall of 1856, and several times had conferred upon him in the years which followed high positions, such as President of the State Teachers' Association, etc. During the summer of 1863 he raised a company of soldiers, many of whom were students in the Normal, and he was elected Colonel of the Forty-seventh Regiment. In 1866 Gov. Andrew G. Curtin appointed the Doctor State Superintendent of Schools of Pennsylvania, and he was re-appointed by Governors Geary, Hartranft and Hoyt, serving his state for fourteen years and a-half in that capacity.

Dr. Wickersham was the author of several very able works, among these being one on "School Economy" and another on "Methods of Instruction." They were rapidly introduced into the best institutions of learning in this country, and have been translated into Spanish, French and Japanese. He had the degree of Master of Arts conferred upon him by Washington (Pa.) College, and his degree of Doctor of Laws came from Lafayette College. On account of his able service as Superintendent of Public Schools he became very popular, and when his nomination came up for confirmation in the Senate for a second term, it was unanimous, every one of the Senators voting in his favor. During the session of 1867 he was instrumental in securing the passage of the Act, one section of which gives the Board of Directors the right of "Eminent Domain" in the selection



of grounds for school buildings, and another section provides that teachers' institutes shall be held in every county, and the commonwealth is required to aid them financially. Many other important provisions regarding elections of superintendents, teachers' certificates and other matters of great moment in the educational world were introduced in this bill, the effect of which has been far-reaching and of incalculable good. In every possible way the Doctor supervised and counseled, planned and executed reforms and made many visits to every county in the state during his term of office. Great interest was aroused by his intelligent and earnest presentation of topics under discussion in educational meetings at county institutes and elsewhere.

In 1870 Dr. Wickersham became joint owner of the "Pennsylvania School Journal," with Prof. John P. McCaskey, and its circulation and usefulness were greatly increased. By an Act of Legislature the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools were placed in his hands and remained there until he retired from office. In frequent conferences with the President of the convention that framed the Constitution of 1874, Dr. Wickersham appeared before their committees and in other ways advanced his views as to the educational provisions which he thought the Constitution should contain. Many of these plans were subsequently carried into effect. In 1876 at the Centennial celebration at Philadelphia, the Keystone State made a creditable showing in the Educational Department which was under his management, and for his labor much credit was given to him both at home and abroad. In 1867 the Minister from the Argentine Republic spent some time in the state studying its methods of managing schools, and endeavored to get the Doctor to resign his position and become Superintendent of the public schools of his country. After the Centennial the Doctor decided to visit Europe in order to study systems of education, and was appointed Commissioner by the Governor of the state, making his official report in 1878. President Arthur appointed him Minister to Denmark on account of his distinguished services and he at once repaired thither, assuming the duties of the office, but on account of his wife's

poor health he resigned the charge. In 1886 he issued from the press of the *Inquirer* Printing and Publishing Company, of which he was President, "A History of Education in Pennsylvania," a very valuable work of nearly seven hundred pages.

While in no sense a politician, Dr. Wickersham was an earnest Republican. After the war he was a candidate for Congress from this district, and many of his friends were anxious to see him serving as Governor of the state. He was also interested in Franklin and Marshall College, of which he was a Trustee, the Farmers' National Bank, the State Insane Asylum at Harrisburg, and he was a member of the Lancaster City School Board. Fraternally he belonged to Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., and to Post No. 84, G. A. R. In every walk of life his chief aim was to do what he could to benefit humanity, and he was conscientious and intelligent in carrying out his convictions of duty.



**J**HAROLD WICKERSHAM, of Lancaster, son of the above, is President of the Wickersham Printing and Publishing Company, which was instituted by his father. This concern was organized in 1873, with a capital stock of \$65,000, and May 1, 1894, the name was changed to its present style. It is one of the large enterprises of the city, and they have a large business in publishing books and pamphlets, and in their bindery and electrotyping departments. The office is situated at No. 53-55 North Queen Street, which building is owned by the company.

The birth of our subject occurred in Marietta, Pa., February 24, 1856, and his boyhood was passed at Millersville and in Lancaster, where he received good public and high school advantages. He was graduated from the latter in 1872 and at once entered the Freshman Class of Franklin and Marshall College, where he remained for three years. The next two years were passed in Yale College, and in 1877 he received from that institution the

degree of Bachelor of Philosophy on his graduation. On beginning his active life work he entered the old *Inquirer* Printing and Publishing Company in a subordinate position, and by his enterprise and ability steadily worked his way upward until he was made general manager, a position he has held ever since. After his father's death the name of the company was changed to the one it goes by now, and our subject was made its President. Employment is given to about eighty persons, and the business transacted by the firm brings in a large income. They have a regular book office and ten large book presses. The building which is occupied by the company is owned by the same and is four stories in height; it has a frontage of forty feet and a depth of one hundred and forty-four feet. Mr. Wickersham is a Director in the Farmers' National Bank and also a Director in the Lancaster Gas Light and Fuel Company.

The pleasant home of our subject was erected by him, and is situated at No. 505 North Duke Street. He was married in Ft. Wayne, Ind., in 1880, to Miss Jessie, daughter of John Hough, formerly an attorney, but now deceased. In his political faith our subject uses his ballot in favor of the Republican party. As a business man he has shown good ability and is numbered among the best citizens of Lancaster.

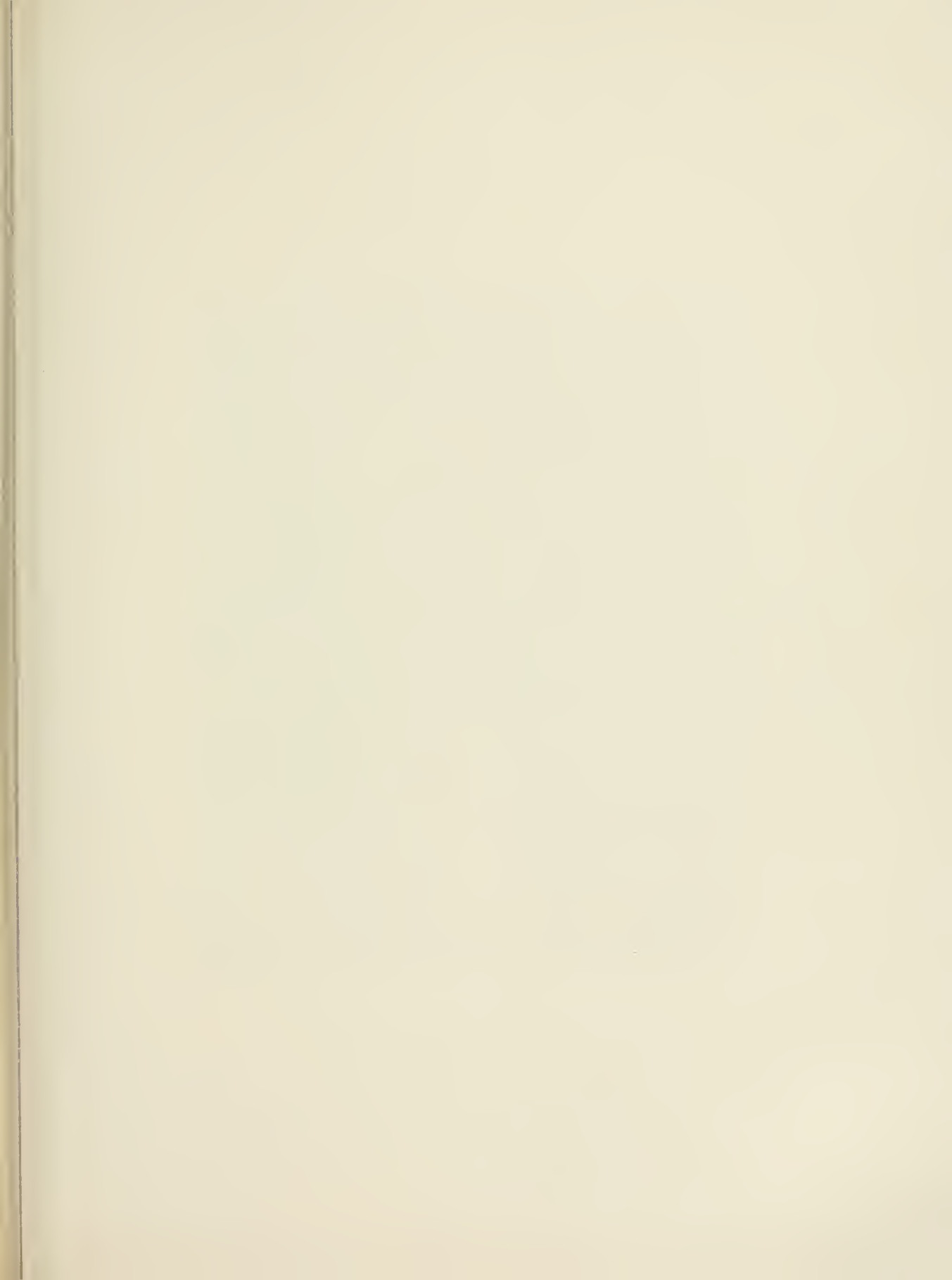


**B**ENJAMIN F. W. URBAN, M. D., a veteran of the late war, has been an official or deputy at the court house longer than any other man in Lancaster County and has had much experience as clerk of the sessions, being very familiar with the county records. The Doctor comes from an old family of Pennsylvania, their ancestry being traced back for many generations. Three brothers of the name came to America from Lombardy and Venecy by way of New Orleans and Baltimore, and they were the founders of the American branch. The grandfather of the Doctor, whose Christian name was Joseph, was

born in Conestoga Township, where he followed farming, as had his forefathers for generations. His death occurred when he was nearly eighty-five years of age. His son, Joseph R., was born in the same township, and for forty years was a successful school teacher, both before and after the common school system was inaugurated. At various times he served as Tax Collector, Assessor and in local offices, and politically was first a Whig and later a Republican. His death occurred when he had reached the ripe old age of eighty years. When young he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church as a convert from the Lutheran Church and became a class leader and preacher, establishing Sunday-schools in different places and being a great worker in the southern and central part of the county. A strong anti-slavery man, he was one of the conductors on the Underground Railroad system.

Joseph R. Urban married Elizabeth Sourbeers, a native of the same township as himself. Her father, Conrad, was a farmer and cooper by trade, and lived to a very old age. The Doctor is one of seven boys, six of whom served in the late war. Abner now resides in western Ohio; Alfred E., who was in the One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, on his return became a contractor in Columbia, where his death occurred; Amos, also of the One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania, was a prominent builder and owner of a planing mill in this city, where he passed his last years; Joseph R., who was in the Ninth Pennsylvania Cavalry, is now interested in the Harrisburg Iron Mills; John W., of the First Pennsylvania Reserves, was wounded at White Oak Swamp, being a prisoner for eleven months, in later years he wrote the work entitled "Battle Field and Prison Pen," and is now a resident of Conestoga, Rev. Abram L., now an Episcopal minister at Scranton, Pa., was only a boy during the fore part of the war, but enlisted and served as soon as he had reached the regulation age.

Dr. Urban, of this sketch, who was next to the youngest of his parents' family, received a general education in Conestoga, where he was reared, and in the spring of 1862, when fifteen years old, volunteered his services and became a member of





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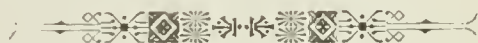
Company D, First Pennsylvania Reserves, being mustered in at Phoenixville, Pa., as a private. At the expiration of two years he was made a Hospital Stewart, serving as such until the close of the conflict. He took part in the battles of Fredericksburg, Rappahannock and Gettysburg and in all of the engagements of the Third Brigade until the capture of Richmond. He was never away from his regiment nor was he ever wounded, but in the spring of 1865 he was taken with malarial fever and has suffered from its effects ever since, his physical condition having been practically poisoned. He was mustered out in June, 1865, and returned home. After taking up his studies for a time young Urban was examined and took the best second grade certificate, after which he taught for three terms in his native township. Then with Dr. P. S. Clinger he began the study of medicine, and in 1867 entered the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated two years later with the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

The Doctor began his professional practice in Conestoga, where he remained for four years, and in the spring of 1873 became Deputy Clerk of the Quarter Sessions with his brother, John W. For three years he was in the department under A. S. Clair, and in the fall of 1878 was elected Clerk of the Quarter Sessions on the Republican ticket. He ably filled that responsible place from January, 1879, to January, 1882, when his term expired. Afterwards he was engaged in the drug business and built a store at No. 312 South Queen Street and there he continued for several years, also starting a dry goods business. In the year 1888 he was made Deputy Clerk for Mr. Killian, Clerk of the Quarter Sessions, and in 1890 was again elected to the latter position, his term running until January, 1894. M. S. Fry, the present incumbent, made him his deputy, and thus it is about sixteen years that he has been either Clerk or Deputy Clerk, the longest to hold any similar position in this portion of the state.

In September, 1868, the marriage of Dr. Urban and Kate A. Hess was celebrated in Conestoga Center, where the lady was born and where her father, Jacob Hess, was an old settler, blacksmith and agriculturist. Nine children have been born to our

subject and wife, Mary A.; James C., formerly a pharmacist and now a plumber; Lilla L., a book-keeper; Frank G., an architect; Bertha K., who is now clerking; Emma C., Edna M., Mabel F. and Harold H.

Socially Dr. Urban is a member of Lamberton Lodge No. 476, F. & A. M., is an Odd Fellow and a member of Admiral Reynolds Post No. 405, G. A. R. Besides the organizations mentioned he is identified with the Union Veteran Legion and the Artisans' Order of Mutual Protection. For six years he was connected with the old Lancaster Planing Mill in company with his brother Amos and Henry Barger, and was formerly interested in the promotion of many local industries. A stalwart Republican, he has been a member of the County Committee from his ward. Religiously he is one of the Trustees of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, is Secretary of the Board and has been Sunday-school Superintendent.



**W**ILLIAM E. LANT is a retired business man and one of the liberal and public spirited citizens of Lancaster. He was born in Blairsville and is of French descent. His paternal grandfather, Scott Lant, who was one of the early architects and builders in Center, Ohio, built the First Catholic Church in that place, and the first mass celebrated in Cincinnati took place in his house, in which he had built an altar.

The father of our subject, Edward Lant, was a native of Hamilton County, this state, and his father having died when he was quite young, he was early obliged to make his own way in the world. He learned the painting, graining and decorating trade, becoming proficient in the various branches of the art. His residence for some years was in Ohio, after which he removed to Pittsburg. Later he located in Blairsville, where he continued in business until his death, at the age of sixty-five years. His wife, Elizabeth (McAfee) Lant, was born in Unity Township, Westmoreland County, near the village of Latrobe. She was of Irish par-

entage. Her father was born on the Emerald Isle, and on his removal to America engaged in farming in Unity Township until his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lant became the parents of nine children, four of whom are living. Two brothers, James and John, participated in the War of the Rebellion, and the latter was a prisoner for several months in Libby Prison. At the present time he is making his home in New York State. James departed this life at his home in Akron, Ohio. The mother of these children died when about sixty years of age.

William E. Lant is the third in his parents' family, his birth taking place in 1840. In company with his father he learned his trade, and for a time subsequently was engaged in railroad contracting. For three years he was with Patrick McAvoy, King of the Irish of Philadelphia and the most prominent contractor of the Pennsylvania Railroad system. Afterward, Mr. Lant turned his attention to various pursuits, coming to Lancaster in 1871. For some years he was engaged in the manufacture of picture frames on North Queen Street, but now he has retired from active business, being independently well off and having enough to occupy his time in looking after his property investments.

In 1871 the subject of this sketch married Miss Julia M. Dunn, who was born in Ireland and came in her childhood, with her parents, to Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Lant have reared a family of four children. They are faithful and consistent members of St. Mary's Catholic Church of this city. On political questions our subject favors the Democratic party, to which he has always given his active support. He is a man who is well and favorably known, though in manner he is very quiet and unassuming.



JAMES SPEIRS occupies the important position of Superintendent of the Ashley & Bailey Co. silk factory, which gives employment to three hundred hands. Mr. Speirs learned the business in Scotland, and having followed it his entire life, is an expert in his line. He

is the son of Hugh and Agnes (Hayburn) Speirs, and was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, on the 3d of January, 1844. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a weaver by trade in Scotland and spent his entire life in that business there. He was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, in the faith of which he reared his children, eight in number. He belonged to no social or benevolent orders. Hugh Speirs, the father of our subject, came to America in 1870, being accompanied on the journey by his wife and family. They made their home for a short time in Canada, and at the end of two years we find them located in Paterson, N. J., where the father was employed at silk weaving, in which business he was a practical workman. He resided in New Jersey until his decease, which occurred in 1888. He was a staunch Republican in politics, and in religion, like his father before him, was connected by membership with the Presbyterian Church.

The parental family included the following named children, of whom James, of this sketch, was the eldest member: William, John, Samuel, Hugh, Robert, Rachel, Agnes and Maria. The original of this sketch followed the occupation of a silk weaver in Scotland, which business he had learned under the instruction of his father, and prior to engaging in the same was given a fair education in the schools near his home. He emigrated to America in 1866, locating at once in Paterson, thence went to Philadelphia, where he was for twelve years in the employ of Thornton & Son. He then returned to Paterson, where he remained for seven years employed in the silk business. Later he came to Columbia and became connected with the Ashley & Bailey Company, for whom he worked a twelvemonth, and from 1879 was employed by different mills until 1893. In May of that year he was made Superintendent of the above company, which important position he is now holding. The mill is one of the largest in the state and gives employment to four hundred and fifty hands. Mr. Speirs is discharging the duties devolving upon him as Superintendent in a very able and satisfactory manner, having been thoroughly trained in the business himself.

In 1874 James Speirs and Miss Diana, daughter

of William Swan, of Philadelphia, were united in marriage. The six children born of their union are: Elizabeth, Hugh, James, Martha, Diana and William. Our subject votes the Republican ticket on every election day. He is known and respected for the honesty and sincerity of his character, and has the friendship of the best men in the community.



**D**ANIEL F. GOHN, who makes his home in Columbia, Lancaster County, is an honored veteran of the late war, having served for nearly four years in the Army of the Potomac, and with his regiment participated in many of the most hardily fought battles of the conflict. He is an active Republican and was elected from the Third Ward to the position of Assessor, though the usual Democratic majority is over one hundred and thirty. In 1877 he started the Columbia brick yards at the corner of Eighth and Locust Streets, one of the successful enterprises of this place. The capacity of the same is about twenty-one thousand bricks per day, or two and a-half million per annum. All kinds of building, paving and pressed brick are here manufactured, and employment is given to thirty men all of the time.

The Gohn family is of German origin, and our subject's paternal grandfather was a native of York County, Pa. He owned a farm comprising over two hundred acres in Chansford Township. Politically he was a Whig and a patriotic citizen. He married Elizabeth Tome and had seven children, Andrew, Henry, Daniel, Fannie, George, Samuel and John B. He died when about eighty-eight years of age, while his wife lived to attain the extreme old age of ninety-two years.

George Gohn, the father of Daniel F., was born in York County on his father's old farm, and learned the trade of tanning, which he followed for about forty years. When he was eighteen years old he came to Columbia, and he with his

brother Andrew was one of the earliest settlers of the place. In 1852 he went into the brick business here, which calling he followed until retiring from the firm in 1869. He died in 1887, aged sixty-nine years. He was a Township Trustee, a Republican, and a faithful member of the Lutheran Church. He was three times married, his first union being with Nancy Sweeney, who died in 1819, when only thirty-four years old. They had five children: Daniel, our subject; James K., Annie, Susan and Mary. By his second wife, who was Mrs. Mary (Strohman) Glatz, he also had five children: George, Elizabeth, Agnes, Sarah and Mary, all deceased with the exception of Elizabeth. After the death of Mrs. Mary Gohn, the father wedded Elizabeth (Keesey) Shaffer.

Daniel F. Gohn was born on Christmas Day, 1839, at Columbia, and received a public school education, after which he engaged in teaching for a time. When he returned from his army service, he was for a year in Trenton, Ohio, where he learned the brick-making business. He next went to Louisiana, where for a period comprising about a year he was boss on the levee construction work, and then went to St. Louis, where he was employed for three years at various occupations. In 1869 he came to Columbia and started a brick manufactory on his own account. He has good financial ability, has made a distinct success of his undertaking, and is a stockholder in various building enterprises in the city. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, being identified with General Welsh Post No. 118, and is identified with Tribe No. 39, I. O. O. of R.

May 30, 1865. Mr. Gohn wedded Martha, a daughter of Fred Lambert, who was born in Baden, Germany, and became a resident of Chestnut Hill, Pa. Our subject married for his second wife Roseama (Bartle) Kauffman in May, 1870. Six children grace this union: Catherine, who married Frank Schlotthaur, a butcher of Columbia; Georgia, wife of George Miller, of this place, who is a boiler maker; Anna, Mrs. Jacob Eicker, of York County, Pa.; Charles, Daisy and Lucia.

On the 5th of May, 1861, Mr. Gohn enlisted in Company K, of the Fifth Pennsylvania Reserves, infantry service, and became a part of the Army

of the Potomac. In the following year he fought in the battle of Mechanicsville, and then followed in rapid succession the engagements of Gaines Hill, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, second battle of Bull Run, Glendale and South Mountain, in all of which he did valiant service. In the last named battle he received a severe wound, a musket ball entering his arm, and he was obliged to leave the field. As soon as possible he returned to his regiment and with them was engaged in the battle of Mine Run. July 2, he was in the Second Brigade under General Fisher on Big Round Top, Gettysburg, and in the battle of the Wilderness he was wounded in the lower part of his leg by a musket ball. Though his injuries have occasioned him much suffering and trouble, he has never applied for a pension. He was finally discharged March 14, 1864, and returned home.



**G**EORGE R. WELCHANS, M. D. Few physicians and surgeons in Lancaster County rank higher than the gentleman whose history we will proceed to trace, and for a quarter of a century he has been engaged in practice in the city of Lancaster, where he is accounted one of the most influential citizens. He is surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad, is one of the staff at the General Hospital in this city, and is consulting surgeon at St. Joseph's Hospital. A man of very extensive reading and information, he is prominent in Masonic circles and has written a fine and creditable history of the old Lodge No. 43, to which he belongs.

The birth of our subject occurred in this city January 3, 1845, his parents being Joseph and Mary (Gundaker) Welchans. The former was born in this county and is a son of Reuben Welchans, whose birth occurred either in this or York County,

and who was engaged in the cabinet-making and general furniture business. His wife, who was from Maytown, bore the maiden name of Mary C. Haines, and had a brother in the Legislature. Reuben Welchans served in the War of 1812 and lived to receive a pension, dying at the age of eighty-five years, while his wife lived to reach her eighty-eighth year. He was of German descent and was a member of the Reformed Church.

Joseph Welchans, the Doctor's father, was a wholesale tobacconist and a dealer in Lancaster, being one of the early wholesale merchants, and continued in business many years, making a good success of the same. He was born in 1819 and departed this life in 1876, aged fifty-seven years. Prior to the war he was a Democrat, but subsequently became affiliated with the Republican party. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the German Reformed Church. The latter was the daughter of George Gundaker, a native of this county, and a contractor by occupation. He served in several local offices, having been Supervisor in the city of Lancaster. His death occurred as a result of an accident, which occurred in 1881, his age being then about eighty-six years. His father was of an old Pennsylvania family, who were adherents of the German Reformed Church. The Doctor's mother is still a resident of this city and is now in her seventy-fourth year. Her ten children all grew to mature years and eight of the number are living. William died in Denver, Colo., and Edward, deceased, was formerly a resident of Lancaster. Samuel H., of this city, became Second Sergeant of Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, during the late war. A. C. is interested in the building of elevators and makes his home in this city. The others in order of birth are as follows: Charles A., Mary E., Kate V., Joseph, Jr., and J. Howard.

Dr. Welchans was reared in Lancaster and graduated from the high school in 1861, after which he went to Philadelphia and finally was a clerk in a drug store. While there, in 1863, he volunteered on the emergency call, becoming a member of Company A, Gray Reserves of Philadelphia, under Captain Keizer. On his return he entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, and in 1864 returned

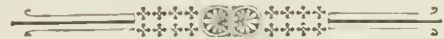


to this city, beginning the study of medicine under Dr. John L. Atlee. In the fall of that year he entered the University of Pennsylvania and graduated in March, 1867, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. After an extended tour through the west he settled down to engage in practice and has since then been actively and remuneratively employed. From 1881 to 1886 he was Treasurer of the United States Board of Pension Examiners and was one of the visiting physicians to the Lancaster County Hospital for several terms. Several times he has taken post-graduate courses at the Polyclinic, and makes a specialty of surgery cases. He is one of the Trustees of the Children's Home of this city. As Assistant Surgeon under Dr. Atlee, Dr. Welch acted for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and on the death of his preceptor, in 1886, he succeeded to the position.

In January, 1869, the Doctor married Miss Emma E. Weber and they have two children. William H., who graduated from the Lancaster High School and Franklin and Marshall College, is now Chief Clerk in the Hamilton Watch Factory of this city; and A. Lillian is at home.

The office of our subject is at No. 35 Orange Street, while his residence is at No. 104 North Duke Street. He belongs to the City, County, State and American Medical Associations, having been a charter member of the Lancaster City Pathological Society. He served as Treasurer and President of the County Medical Association. He is a very active member of the Masonic fraternity, having attained his Thirty-second degree June 7, 1881, and was Worshipful Master in 1875. Since 1876 he has served on the Charity Committee and is Past High Priest of Chapter No. 43, R. A. M. He is Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Goodwin Council No. 19, and is Past Commander of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T. In 1885 and the four succeeding years, he was division commander for the counties of Lancaster and York. At the Centennial anniversary of the lodge the Doctor delivered a historical address and afterwards compiled a work relating to the "History of Lodge No. 43," a volume of some three hundred pages, which took years of hard work, as it comprises biographies of each Past Master and is invaluable, as it contains

the history of the organization. Moreover the Doctor belongs to the Philadelphia Consistory of the Thirty-second degree and is a member of the Corresponding Circle Lodge Quatuor Coronati No. 2076, at London, England. With Lulu Temple, Mystic Shrine of Philadelphia, he is identified, and with Lancaster Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., and Washington Encampment No. 11. In politics he votes the Republican ticket.



ALEXANDER SCHULTZ for the past fourteen years has been engaged in operating his well improved farm in Strasburg Township. For many years he has been a leader in the ranks of the Democratic party, and has represented his townsmen in the Strasburg City Council frequently.

The father of our subject, who bore the Christian name of Lawrance, was born in Germany and emigrated to this country at a very early day. For a time he was engaged in the stationery business at York, Pa., but later removed to a point on what was called the Baltimore Peach Bottom Road, in York County, where he kept a hotel up to the time of his death. He became quite well-to-do and was justly esteemed a reliable and upright man in all dealings. He married Miss Elizabeth Keen, and had a family of six children.

The birth of Alexander Schultz occurred January 3, 1817, in the city of York. On arriving at suitable years he commenced attending the public schools and was a student also in the country schools of York County until thirteen years old. He was early obliged to earn his own livelihood, and worked for the firm of Philip & Samuel Small in the general mercantile business for about two years. Returning to York, he learned the tin-smith's trade with George F. Stein, and in May, 1838, we find him in the employ of Jacob Gable, Sr., with whom he remained for the next two years. Embarking then in business for himself, he followed

his trade for a quarter of a century in Strasburg. By this time possessing ample means to pass in comfort his remaining years, he abandoned active business cares, turning over his trade to his son. He had always lived a very active life, and finding it irksome to do without occupation, he invested some of his means in an improved farm of seventy acres, situated in Strasburg Township. This purchase was made in 1880, and since that time Mr. Schultz has found great pleasure in the cultivation of his farm.

Religiously our subject holds membership with the Lutheran denomination, and socially belongs to Lancaster Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., and Lodge No. 13, K. T. In everything of public interest he is actively concerned and has done all in his power to promote the prosperity of the neighborhood in which he makes his abode.

In January, 1844, Mr. Schultz wedded Annie A. McCoy, who was a native of this county, where she grew to womanhood. To this estimable couple has been born a family of three sons and a daughter, and in the order of their births are as follows: Ellis I., Austin P., Edwin L. and Mary A. These children have become useful and honored members in the several places in which they reside, and are much respected by all who know them. Mr. Schultz has always borne an enviable reputation for honorable and upright conduct, and has many sincere friends.



**CAPT. JOHN L. WRIGHT**, at present Postmaster of Columbia, was appointed to that responsible position in June, 1890. He is also prominent in Grand Army circles in the city, having rendered his country efficient service during the late war as a member of the Fifth Pennsylvania Reserves.

Our subject is the son of John L. and Ann (Evans) Wright, and a grandson of the founder of Columbia. He was born October 1, 1838, in this

city, where three of his sisters still make their home. He first attended the private schools of Columbia, then Professor Wire's school at West Chester, this state, after which he became a student in the Chestnut Hill Academy, Philadelphia, conducted by Gen. Joshua Owens, and was graduated from that institution several years later. The Wright family were among the earliest settlers of Pennsylvania.

After completing his education our subject entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, remaining in their office on the corner of Thirteenth and Market Streets, Philadelphia, for three years. At the expiration of that time he located on property near Columbia, and for the following two years was engaged successfully in cultivating the soil. He again worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad as baggagemaster for seven years, after which he became connected with the Supplee Engine Company in this city, by whom he was employed for the following five years. His health becoming impaired, Mr. Wright again took up the occupation of an agriculturist near Columbia, owning an interest in sixty-five acres of valuable land within the city limits, on which he lived for eleven years. In June, 1890, he was appointed to his present responsible position, the duties of which he is discharging in a manner highly satisfactory to all concerned.

In politics Mr. Wright is a true blue Republican, believing that party to be in the right. On the outbreak of the Rebellion, April 27, 1861, he enlisted in the Fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, Company K, which was one of the first three year regiments sent out of the state. During his period of enlistment he participated in the following hard-fought engagements: Antietam, where he was Commander of the Second Brigade of Pennsylvania Militia, being detailed by General Reynolds; and the battle of the Wilderness where he received the commission of Brevet-Captain, and later the title of Captain, for meritorious conduct at the battle of Spottsylvania Courthouse. Our subject served during his army experience as Second and First Lieutenant, and was mustered out of service with the commission of Captain. He participated in the seven days' fight, and at Gettysburg, Fredericks-

burg, Mine Run, and during a service of three years was never seriously wounded or taken prisoner. Captain Wright was mustered out at Harrisburg, Pa., June 16, 1864.

Our subject is prominently identified with Grand Army circles in this city, and is Past Commander of General Welch Post No. 118. He was married August 17, 1862, to Miss Mary, daughter of Andrew Beiter, of Columbia, and to them have been born eight children. Eleanor is the wife of Henry Z. Staman; Mary is deceased; Anna E. married Charles W. Wilson, and resides in this city; John is deceased; Andrew B. is engaged as machinist in Columbia; Samuel H. is deceased; and Sarah G. and Bessie are at home.



**R**EV. CHARLES L. FRY, A. M., is pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, the oldest and largest organization in Lancaster, its membership numbering nine hundred and sixty persons, and its present structure having been erected a century and a third ago. The congregation was first formed about 1738, and their building was put up in 1761, though it has of course been altered and remodeled at various times since. Rev. Mr. Fry is very near to the hearts of his people, and has spared no effort in building up every department of church work and has been an inspiration to the young people especially.

Rev. Mr. Fry comes from a family prominent in the annals of the church and state in eastern Pennsylvania. His grandfather, ex-Senator Fry, commonly known as "Honest Jacob Fry," was born in Montgomery County and was a general merchant and farmer at the Trappe. He was frequently in county positions, served in the Legislature, and for two terms was State Senator from this state, and though a candidate for Treasurer, did not succeed in obtaining the nomination. His father, Jacob Fry, Sr., was of German descent and a Lutheran. The father of our subject, Prof. Ja-

cob Fry, D. D., was born at the Trappe, in Montgomery County, graduated from Union College at Schenectady, N. Y., and was a student in the Theological Seminary of Gettysburg, and entered his ministry in Carlisle, where he remained for eleven years. For twenty-nine years past he has had a charge in Reading, Pa., and is pastor of the old Trinity, which has a membership of twelve hundred persons, the largest English-Lutheran congregation in the world. He is also professor of homiletics and practical theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, and though sixty years of age is extremely active in church affairs. His wife, who before her marriage was Lillie J. Wattles, was born in Gettysburg. Her father, Harvey Wattles, was formerly a resident of Massachusetts. Ten children graced the union of Rev. Jacob and Lillie Fry, and seven of the number, two sons and five daughters, yet survive. Rev. Frank, the other son, is pastor of Grace Lutheran Church of Bethlehem, Pa.

Rev. Charles L. Fry was born at Carlisle, Pa., October 21, 1858, and attended the public and high schools of Reading, graduating from the latter in 1875. Three years later he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the Muhlenburg College at Allentown, and afterward was made Master of Arts. In 1881, after a three years' course, he graduated from the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

In September, 1881, our subject was called to Trinity Church as assistant to Dr. Greenwald, and upon his death, in 1885, Mr. Fry succeeded to the pastorate. In 1893 the church was greatly improved and remodeled, a new pipe organ, steam heat and electric lights were added, though the building in the main stands as it was when erected in the last century. There is not a crack in the walls, and the same old seats are retained. In 1876 a chapel was built, the upstairs of which is used for Sunday-school purposes, and the remainder for meetings of church societies, lectures, etc. The church structure is located on South Duke Street, on the site where the first United States Congress met.

The marriage of Rev. Mr. Fry was celebrated June 9, 1891, to Miss Laura F. Housekeeper, who

was born in the Quaker City, and has become the mother of two children: Henry Jacob, and Charles Luther. Her father, H. M. Housekeeper, was formerly a contractor and builder, but is now living retired. The parsonage is at No. 37 South Duke Street.

On many occasions Mr. Fry has lectured and has often been called upon to deliver baccalaureate discourses. He is interested in University Extension and was the first Chairman of a local center at Lancaster. He is a member of the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua and several times has attended the National convocations. He is also one of the Board of Directors of the Oratorio Society and is a member of various literary clubs. He has contributed to the press and college publications and one time was associate publisher of the "Christian Culture." The summer of 1891 he went with his young wife to Europe, visiting Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, France and Great Britain, and on his return was tendered a public reception, in which all denominations participated.



**J**AMES STEWART (deceased). The Stewart family to which our subject belongs is of Irish origin, his father, who bore the Christian name of John, having been born in County Antrim, Ireland. He was reared as a farmer, and on coming to America located in St. John's, New Brunswick, where he turned his energies to dealing in live stock. Later he came to Pennsylvania, becoming the owner of land in Dauphin County, and was one of the extensive farmers and stock-raisers of that locality. His father was a native of Scotland, but removed to Ireland, where he lived many years. The wife of the grandfather, Barbara, was born in Ireland, and was a daughter of Donald McAllister, who was a farmer in St. John's. John Stewart, Sr., departed this life when about seventy years of age. One of his

sons, the Hon. John Stewart, was at one time in the State Legislature as a Representative from Dauphin County. James Stewart was born February 2, 1826, in the same county, near Harrisburg, in Powl's Valley, and on arriving at mature years became one of the leading farmers and stock men of the state. He was one of the first to go from Pennsylvania to Texas for the purpose of bringing cattle overland in droves of several thousand. He personally superintended several of these undertakings, riding all day, and at night sleeping on blankets with his saddle for a pillow, and he often related many interesting incidents of that period, this being about 1856.

It was in 1861 that James Stewart came to Lancaster to establish a stock yard, a need which had been long felt in this part of the state. For many years subsequently he did an extensive business in cattle, and also dealt in baled hay, which he raised on his farm near East Hempfield, seventy-five acres being devoted to its cultivation. There he also had twenty-five acres given up to tobacco raising; but these varied interests were yet not enough to fully employ the mind of this ambitious man, and among the many other concerns in which he was identified were a coal yard, which he sold out about 1884; and flag stone quarries in Luzerne County, which he operated for years, and which supplied much of the stone used in this city. About 1869 he took contracts for the stone work on the Bennett's branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad and on the bridge across the Susquehanna River at Nanticoke and one at Wilkes Barre. In 1881 and 1882 he took contracts on the Shenandoah Valley Road for fifteen miles, from Jordan's Furnace to the Natural Bridge in Virginia. For grading the site of the car shops at Roanoke, Va., he was given a contract, and also for large pieces of work on the Northwestern Railroad and on the Baltimore & Ohio. At the time of his death Mr. Stewart had begun work on the double track of the latter at Washington, D. C., and in company with his son Charles had received authority to construct forty miles of road between Monroe and Madison, Wis. In 1866 he went to Mexico to manufacture ties for the Vera Cruz & Mexican Railroad, but finally sold out to the Government and returned home. It was while





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going on an inspection tour in Wisconsin that he was thrown from his buggy during a runaway. He sustained severe injuries from skull fracture, which resulted in his death after a few hours. The day of this unfortunate occurrence was November 28, 1886. It had been his intention to associate with him all of his sons in this Wisconsin Railroad contract, the largest he had ever undertaken. In city affairs he was very active for good and was much interested in the Irish movement, often raising money to assist Parnell. He was a strong Democrat, and though he usually declined municipal honors, served for several terms as a member of the Common and Select Councils from the Second Ward. When the East End Street Railway Company was organized he was made President of the concern. Religiously he was a Catholic and one of the pillars in St. Mary's Church.

In Lancaster the marriage of James Stewart was celebrated in 1851 with Charlotte McGovern, who was born in Lancaster. Her father, John McGovern, was a native of Ireland, who came to America when very young and settled on a farm in East Hempfield, where now stands the village of McGovernville, which was named in his honor. He owned several large farms and was a successful railroad contractor on the Pennsylvania road. His death occurred a number of years ago at his home. By her marriage she became the mother of seven children, all of whom are living: Charles E., a resident of Westminster, Md.; John J.; Robert D., of this city; James, a wholesale coffee buyer in Brazil; Joseph B., of Lancaster, and Mary and Bessie, who are at home.



**R**EV. CHARLES B. SHULTZ, D. D., is Principal of Linden Hall Seminary, which is located in Lititz. This position he has held since 1892, his time having previously been passed in regular pastoral work in Ohio, New York, Lancaster and Bethlehem. He was ordained in the Moravian Church in 1864, and for the past thirty years has been very active and efficient as a minister of the Gospel. In 1879 he was sent as a delegate to the general synod, which convened at

Hennhut, Germany, and is a distinguished and honored representative of his denomination.

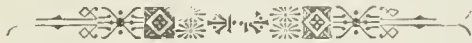
Dr. Shultz is a son of Bishop Henry A. and Rebecca (Bagge) Shultz, his birth having occurred in Salem, N. C., April 30, 1841. His father, who was born in Surinam, South America, February 7, 1806, was brought to the United States by his parents in childhood, and was educated in Moravian schools and theological seminaries. He was pastor of a number of churches in North Carolina and in Pennsylvania, and at one time was located at Bethlehem. In 1861 he was elected Bishop, which office he held until his death. He was married in April, 1832, to a daughter of Charles F. Bagge, a prominent business man of Salem, N. C., and a member of the State Legislature at one time. His father, Traugott Bagge, was born in 1729 in Sweden, and in 1768 he was married in Yorkshire to Rachel Nicolson. Soon afterward they set sail for the United States, locating in Salem, where he became a prominent man, and was sent to represent his district in the first State Legislature. He was well acquainted with Washington, Franklin and other noted men of those times. The death of his wife occurred in 1797, and his own occurred three years later.

To Bishop Henry Shultz and his wife were born four sons and two daughters, three of the former dying in childhood. The daughters are Mrs. Mary Lembach and Mrs. Susan Brickenstein, whose husband was Principal of Linden Hall Seminary for a number of years. In 1851 Bishop Shultz married for his second wife Elizabeth Wolle, of Bethlehem, who is still living in that place. By that union were born four children, and those surviving are Prof. Frederick T., Principal of the academy and schools of Penn Yan, N. Y.; Gertrude, wife of Rev. Mr. Moench, pastor of the Moravian Church of Lititz, and Elizabeth, who is an art student in New York City.

The education of Dr. Shultz was obtained in Nazareth Hall, and in the Moravian Theological Seminary of Bethlehem. Later it was his privilege to study in the schools of the Old World, as he attended for some time the universities of Tuebingen and Berlin, Germany. His work in the educational field has been very extensive and far-reaching, as he has labored in England, Minnesota

and Pennsylvania. He has also been connected temporarily with the editorship of the periodicals of the Moravian Church. Under his auspices the Linden Hall Seminary is receiving fresh impetus as an educational center. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by the Board of Directors of Ursinus College at its annual meeting in 1894.

September 4, 1866, was celebrated the marriage of our subject and Miss M. Isabel, daughter of Charles Lange, of Bethlehem, Pa., and of their union were born six children, four of whom are living, as follows: Mary L., wife of L. R. Levering, of Fairfield, Ill.; Esther, Grace and Paul, the latter a student in the Moravian College in Bethlehem at the present time.



**J**OHN F. GIRVIN is engaged in farming on seventy acres of land located on the New Holland Pike, eight miles from the city of Lancaster. He is the son of Samuel and Eliza (Diffenbaugh) Girvin, and was born in East Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, April 25, 1850.

Robert Girvin, the grandfather of our subject, was born in 1770, and came from Ireland over one hundred years ago and located in Strasburg Township, this county, where he followed farming on an extensive scale. He was well-to-do in this world's goods, and religiously was trained in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, to the doctrines of which he adhered until his death. He was married in the above township to Miss Mary Smith, and to them were born the following-named children: John, William, Isaac, James, Daniel, Samuel, Eliza and Margaret. The grandfather died April 16, 1861, at the remarkable age of ninety-one years.

Samuel Girvin, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead, in Strasburg Township, in 1800. He received as good an education as could be obtained in that early day near his home,

and remained in his native place for some time cultivating a farm. Later, however, he took up his abode in East Lampeter Township, where he owned a sixty-acre tract of land. Several years after his marriage he took up the study of civil engineering and did considerable surveying in this county. He located the Strasburg Railroad, running from Lemon Place to Strasburg and connecting with the Pennsylvania Road. Like his ancestors Samuel Girvin was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

The father of our subject was married to Miss Eliza, daughter of Henry Diffenbaugh, in 1834. The father of Mrs. Girvin was a farmer, also a contractor and builder of some note in this locality, and was well-to-do financially. The parental household numbered three sons and three daughters, of whom Daniel is living retired in the city of Lancaster; Elizabeth is the wife of Hiram Esbenshade, a farmer of this county; Salina was the next in order of birth; Robert is deceased; and John F. is the youngest member of the family. The father died in 1855, and the mother passed away in 1891, at the age of eighty-four years. She belonged to the Mennonite Church.

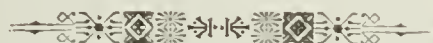
The original of this sketch, after receiving his education in the common schools, engaged in farming in East Lampeter Township, on his father-in-law's estate. In 1889, however, he became the proprietor of his present farm, comprising seventy acres, and in addition to its cultivation he is engaged in picking leaf tobacco. Mr. Girvin is interested in the success of the Republican party, for whose candidates he always votes, and was elected on that ticket in 1894 to the School Board.

November 21, 1877, John F. Girvin and Miss Mary, daughter of Isaac Weaver, a farmer of this township, were united in marriage. The three children born of their union are Edna, Willis and Robert. Mrs. Girvin is a consistent member of the Reformed Church, in the faith of which she was reared.

Robert Girvin, a brother of our subject, was formerly a substantial farmer of Virginia. June 6, 1881, while on his way home from Winchester, whither he had gone on business, he was met by an acquaintance who stopped him and climbed up on



his horse. As they traveled along the man commenced firing a revolver, and although requested to cease doing so by Mr. Girvin, did not stop until he was shot in the back, from the effects of which he died two days afterward. The man was tried and acquitted on the grounds of accidental shooting, but the friends of Girvin are confident it grew out of a political feud, he being a staunch Republican, while the majority of the citizens of his community were strong Democrats.



**M**ILTON G. SWAN, Superintendent of the Marietta Manufacturing Company, is the son of George and Charlotte (Gillette) Swan, and was born in Cattaraugus County, N. Y., September 10, 1855. His father, likewise a native of Cattaraugus County, there spent the days of youth and early manhood, receiving the benefit of a common school education. Adopting a life vocation, he chose that of agriculture, which for many years he conducted upon a very extensive scale. At one time his landed possessions aggregated eighteen hundred acres of land, the larger portion of which was placed under good cultivation. In addition to the tilling of the soil, he dealt extensively in wool, in which line he met with distinct success. He made a specialty also of the raising of grain and hops. To the supervision of his farm he gave his personal and undivided attention, which doubtless accounted for his extraordinary success. During the harvest season he employed as many as sixty men.

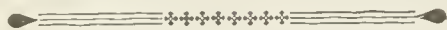
In addition to farming, George Swan also engaged in a private banking business, being President of a bank at Avon, Livingston County, N. Y. He continued both as agriculturist and banker until somewhat advanced in years, when, having accumulated a sufficient competency, he retired from active business cares, and now lives in a pleasant home at Pavilion, Genesee County, N. Y. The comforts with which he is surrounded in the twi-

light of his life have been secured by his energy, industry and sound judgment in his business transactions. While he has gained material success, he has also gained that which is even better, the respect and confidence of his fellow-men. As a Republican, he has always taken an active interest in political matters and has held a number of local offices, in which he has rendered satisfactory service to his constituents. Educational matters also received his warm interest, and he was a friend of the public school system and one of its promoters in his vicinity. Though he cannot now take the active interest in public affairs that he was wont to do in days gone by, he is still ready to co-operate with schemes for local advancement, and is a public-spirited citizen. Socially he affiliates with the Masons. His first wife, our subject's mother, died in 1888, at the age of forty-eight years. Three children were born of this union, namely: Georgiana, wife of Dr. E. A. Chapp, a practicing physician of Livonia, Livingston County, N. Y.; Myron and Milton (twins), the former of whom died at the age of twenty-four.

After completing the studies of the common schools of his native town, our subject entered the Yeates Polytechnic Institute, where he prepared for college. Instead, however, of taking a collegiate course, he embarked in business, entering his father's bank as clerk, and afterward by promotion becoming cashier, in which capacity he served for seven years. The confinement of the office not proving congenial to his health, he was obliged to retire from the work. He then embarked in the manufacturing business at Lancaster, Pa., making a specialty of blacksmith and railroad supplies. The business was afterward removed to Columbia, where it was operated under the name of the Columbia Agricultural Works for four years. In 1891 a stock company was formed and the business was removed to Marietta, the name being changed to the Marietta Manufacturing Company. They manufacture agricultural implements and blacksmith's tools, also election furniture. As many as seventy men are employed when the works are in full operation, and the enterprise is one of the most important of Marietta.

While at no time an aspirant for office, Mr. Swan

takes a commendable interest in party matters and is a staunch advocate of Republican principles. March 27, 1881, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Maurer, of Lancaster, and two children bless their union, George M. and Harry M.



**F**RANCIS X. ZIEGLER, one of the native sons of Columbia, Lancaster County, Pa., is one of her prominent citizens and old settlers, as his birth occurred here April 9, 1817, and he has always continued to make his home in this city. For the remarkably long period of forty-six years he has been manager of the telegraph office in this place, and since March 31, 1857, has also been the agent for the Adams Express Company here. In 1888 he prepared a series of articles for the *Columbia Herald*, which were duly published in its columns, and furnished a very complete and interesting account of the early days and inhabitants of Columbia.

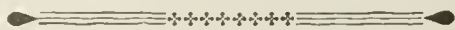
The Ziegler family originated in Alsace, France, now under the German Government. The grandfather of our subject was born in that country; November 16, 1750, his Christian name also being Francis, and in 1777, in company with Baron De Steuben, he came to the United States. Arriving at Portsmouth, N. H., he received a commission to serve in the Revolution, and at Yorktown did valiant service and also in other engagements. He finally settled in Baltimore, Md., where he continued to reside until 1798, and then went to Lancaster, subsequently removing to this city, where he died in 1800. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat and a member of the Catholic Church. His wife, Mary (Huck) Ziegler, died December 26, 1825, aged sixty-five years, and by her marriage she was the mother of nine children.

John Ziegler, the father of our subject, was born in Baltimore, June 15, 1785, and received a good education, becoming a great reader and student. He learned the carpenter's trade, to which he devoted his active life. Like his ancestors, he was a member of the Catholic Church, and in politics voted with the Democratic party. His wife, Maria

(Lechler) Ziegler, was born January 14, 1798, and survived until October 26, 1891. Her father, Henry, was born in Berks County, Pa., February 27, 1748, and died in 1835. By trade he was a manufacturer of leather breeches, and for a period of thirteen years was a door keeper of the State Assembly, and for a long time served as Under Sheriff of Lancaster County. His wife bore the maiden name of Julia Rizer, and came from an old Philadelphia family; she was born June 29, 1765, and died May 8, 1840.

Francis X. Ziegler attended the public and subscription schools of Columbia in an early day, and had for one of his teachers Eli H. Thomas, a veteran of the War of 1812. On completing his schooling, the young man became Principal of the grammar school of this place, serving in that capacity for two years, during the sessions of 1852 to 1854 inclusive. At the same time he held a position as manager in the telegraph office, which he entered in the fall of 1848 and has since held. In his official duties he has proved to be very trustworthy, and his superiors have appreciated his fidelity. Since 1860 he has been interested in insurance associations representing different life, accident and fire companies. For four years he was editor of the *Columbia Herald*, which he managed with great ability.

January 14, 1838, Mr. Ziegler married Jane P., daughter of Richard Martin, of Philadelphia, who was born in England. Nine children were born of this marriage: Catherine C., Joseph C., Maria J., Agnes Virginia, Richard, Francis E., Clement, Eugenie Elizabeth and Mary Frances. The mother, who is still living, was born April 21, 1817. Joseph C., the eldest son, is a celebrated artist in Paris, and is working with the noted Bonat. In his political faith Mr. Ziegler is a staunch Democrat.



**J**OHIN F. INGRAM has a large and lucrative business as a contractor and builder, having his home in Strasburg, Lancaster County.

During the late War of the Rebellion he served as a member of Company I, Twentieth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was mustered out af-

ter a service of six months, on the 7th of January, 1864. He is a staunch Republican, and has acted in the capacities of Judge of Elections, Inspector of Elections and as Borough Assessor at various times. For some nine years he was a member of the School Board of the borough of Strasburg and in various ways has been identified with the up-building and progress of this locality.

James Ingram, the father of our subject, was a millwright and followed that occupation for over half a century in Providence, Paradise and West Lampeter Townships, of this county. Politically he was a Democrat and a public spirited man. He married Miss Sarah Myers, and to them were born eleven children: Mary, Margaret, Sarah E., John F., Amanda, Anna L., Milton J., William H., Amos, Frank E. and Harry E. The three daughters, Sarah, Amanda and Anna, and Milton J., the seventh of the family, are deceased.

The birth of J. F. Ingram occurred in Providence Township, March 7, 1845. During his youth he attended the schools of West Lampeter Township and completed his studies when about eighteen years of age. For the next two years he engaged at general farm work, but as he did not seem cut out for that branch of business he commenced working at the carpenter's trade. After seven years spent in that occupation he began building and taking contracts for himself, and has been successfully engaged in this business ever since. Notwithstanding the sharp competition among the innumerable builders and contractors of this county he secures a large number of paying contracts each year and does a lucrative business. He is noted for his workman-like and reliable manner of erecting structures, and many of the fine and costly dwellinghouses of this and adjoining counties stand as monuments of his handiwork. On account of his known ability he was called at one time to New Jersey, where he erected a large barn in Bergen County, on the West Shore Railroad, which was completed in less than four weeks.

On Christmas Day 1866, Mr. Ingram married Miss Lizzie Binkley, who was born and grew to womanhood in this county. Six children have graced their union: Cora S., Bertha A., one who

died in infancy, Pearl S., Park B. and Earl J. The home of the family is a comfortable and substantial one, and they take great pleasure in extending its hospitality to their neighbors and many friends. Mr. Ingram has always held a warm place in his heart for the Grand Army boys and holds membership with Strasburg Lodge No. 406.



**H**ENRY C. MILLER, a successful and leading business man in Rhorerstown, is the proprietor of a flourishing gristmill, and commands the best trade as a dealer in coal and feed in the place. He was born in East Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, March 2, 1850, and is the son of Andrew and Susan Miller.

The grandfather of our subject, who also bore the name of Henry, was one of the large land-owners of this county, where he was born and spent his entire life. He was a devoted member of the Mennonite Church, and all who knew him respected him for the faith which he so earnestly upheld. He married a Miss Shenck, and to them was born a family of six children: Andrew, Henry, John, Jacob, Adeline, and Anna, who was the wife of Philip Hottenstein, now deceased.

The father of Henry C., of this sketch, was also born in this township in the year 1812, and received a fair education in the district schools. Like his honored father, he too followed agricultural pursuits and owned a valuable tract of two hundred broad acres in this county. In politics he was a Republican after the formation of the party, but never desired office, content to use his influence in a quiet way, and upheld the principles of his party in a loyal manner.

Mrs. Miller was the daughter of Jacob Greider, a farmer of this township, and by her union with the father of our subject reared a family of seven children, as follows: Elizabeth, Phares, Adeline, Clara, Annie, Andrew and Henry C. The husband and father died March 28, 1861, and was followed

to the better land several years later by his good wife, who passed away in July, 1892, when in her sixty-sixth year. Mrs. Miller was also a member of the Mennonite Church.

The original of this sketch was reared on his father's farm, received a thorough training in all the duties performed by farmer boys, and at the same time attended school in the neighborhood. When starting out for himself he engaged in agriculture and continued to cultivate a good estate until 1885, when he purchased a grist mill in the township, and in 1890 added thereto the business of a coal and feed merchant, succeeding Jacob Mauk in the latter enterprise. Mr. Miller is making a good success of this undertaking. He manifests a commendable interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the community, and is known and respected for the honesty and sincerity of his character. He still has in his possession forty-two acres of land finely cultivated.

November 9, 1875, Mr. Miller and Miss Elenora, daughter of William Binkley, late of this township, were united in marriage. To them has been born a daughter, Alice. Our subject is a strong Republican in politics, firmly believing in the principles of the party which receives his vote.



**S**AMUEL F. FREY. Many of the prominent citizens of this county are self-made men.

From poverty and obscurity they fought their way in life's battles to prominence and honor. In their lives and success is found demonstrated the old proverb that

"The gown is but the guinea's stamp,  
The man's a man for a' that."

A volume of the biographies of representative self-made men would be incomplete without a sketch of Mr. Frey, who strikingly illustrates the force of well directed energy, steadfast purpose and never ceasing effort for the accomplishment of noble results, and the overthrow of those obstacles that beset the progress of every young man,

who, unaided and alone, starts out to combat with life's stern realities.

The family of which our subject is a member has been long and honorably connected with the history of Pennsylvania, whither the original representatives came from Germany. Our subject's great-grandfather, Abram Frey, was an ordained clergyman of the Evangelical Association, and was connected with the itinerary service for many years, until called from labor to reward, at the advanced age of seventy-five years. His son, Samuel, was born in Union County, Pa., was a farmer by occupation, in religion a member of the Evangelical Church, and in politics was identified with the old line Whig party. He married Anna Bowman, and they became the parents of two sons and one daughter, all deceased, namely: Abram, Anna and Samuel, of whom the daughter married Abram First, of Harrisburg, Pa. Grandfather Frey died in Union County at the age of forty-nine years, and his wife passed away at Florin, Lancaster County, January 7, 1879, aged seventy-four years.

The father of our subject, Rev. Abram Frey, was born in Union County, Pa., November 14, 1823. He was a man of superior intelligence, a school teacher in early life, but afterward a minister in the Evangelical Association. He filled pulpits at various points in Lancaster, Lebanon, Burks, Montgomery and Dauphin Counties, continuing thus engaged for eight years, until his death, April 23, 1859, at the early age of thirty-six years. In connection with his ministerial work, he was extensively engaged in the manufacture of coverlids and counterpanes at Mt. Joy, of which enterprise Joseph Classley was Superintendent and general manager. In politics he was a Whig until the disintegration of that party, after which he affiliated with the Republicans.

The marriage of Rev. Abram Frey and Miss Mary Fauby, which took place July 3, 1845, was blessed by the birth of three sons and three daughters, namely: Martha, wife of Joseph Heineman, of Philadelphia; Abram, a talented and well known artist of Washington, D. C.; David, who died at the age of eleven years; Samuel F., of this sketch; Lizzie, wife of Dr. N. A. Saylor, of Philadelphia, and Emma, Mrs. O. G. Hull, of Kansas City, Mo.

The mother of these children, now seventy-three years of age, makes her home with our subject in Marietta.

Near Bloomfield, Pa., in Juniata Township, Perry County, our subject was born December 16, 1852. For some time he was a student in the public schools of Mt. Joy, but left school at the age of sixteen to prepare for business. February 1, 1868, he apprenticed himself to Henry S. Meyers, of Mt. Joy, to learn the trade of a cabinet-maker and undertaker, remaining thus employed for three and one-half years. January 3, 1872, he went to Marietta, and finding a suitable opening here, he at once embraced the opportunity of embarking in business. His modest capital of \$800 he had saved by close economy and hard work, during extra time allotted him when apprenticed, and during his school days. Renting a small cabinet shop and ware-room in the Welchans' Building, he bought a stock of furniture and funeral supplies. Success rewarded him from the first.

To accommodate the increasing demands of his business, Mr. Frey was compelled to move to larger quarters. In 1887 he purchased the old Roath property in the heart of the business centre of the city, and tearing down the building he erected the substantial structure in which he now does business. It is of brick, three stories in height, the store 25x80 and the house 25x61 feet in dimensions, the entire frontage being fifty feet. Under the store is a basement, making four ware-rooms 25x80 feet in dimensions. The store is stocked with a complete assortment of furniture of modern styles, and all grades of carpets. There is another building on the same lot, in which are kept caskets, hearse and other funeral supplies. Both the dwelling and the store are fitted out with all modern improvements, heated with steam and lighted by gas, a Royal gas machine having been placed in the building. In addition to this property Mr. Frey is interested in other real estate and in the improvement of property, also is interested in farming in the upper part of the county.

Politically our subject is a Republican, and in religious faith adheres to the doctrines preached by his ancestors, being a devoted member of the Evangelical Church at Mt. Joy. September 5,

1876, he married Anna H., eldest daughter of Rev. John B. Longenecker, now of Florin, Lancaster County. They are the parents of five children, named Samuel L., Anna L., Myra L., Cora L. and Wilbur L. The success which Mr. Frey has met with in business is richly merited, for he is a man of great industry, perseverance and energy.



**HENRY WESTERMAN.** Among the thriving establishments of which Columbia possesses her due proportion may be numbered the meat market of the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. It was established several years ago, and during this time has grown in popularity and its proprietor has acquired a fine reputation as a man possessed of business tact and honor.

Our subject is the son of Leopold and Anna (Wagoner) Westerman, and was born in Lancaster, on the 26th of September, 1856. For a full history of the parents the reader is referred to the sketch of our subject's brother, John Westerman, found on another page of this volume.

Henry Westerman was educated in the schools of his native place in Iowa, where his parents lived for a time, and when fifteen years of age began to make his own way in the world, his first work being to drive a team in Columbia. This he followed for two years, when he apprenticed himself to learn the butcher's trade in the shop of George W. Wyke, of this city. He, however, completed his knowledge of the business under the instruction of his brother John, who is the proprietor of a large market in Columbia.

Young Westerman for three years had charge of his uncle's farm in this county, which he managed in a very satisfactory and highly profitable manner until his marriage, at the age of twenty-two years. He then abandoned farm life, and with his bride removed into the city, when he purchased a building and opened up a meat market at his

present stand. This structure has since given way to a brick building 40x56 feet in dimensions and two stories in height. Mr. Westerman is a Director in the Central National Bank in this city, with which he has been connected ever since its organization in 1888, and is also a Director in the Wilson Laundry Machine Company. He stands foremost among the prominent business men who have contributed so largely to the financial prosperity of this part of the county. In politics Mr. Westerman is a Democrat and belongs to the Lutheran Church.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Alice, daughter of Cornelius C. Beck, was celebrated in December, 1878, and to them has been granted a family of six children: Charles B., Jennie A., Bessie, Harry, Zana and Cornelius.



**H**ERMAN F. WOHLSEN. The name of Wohlsein is known and respected throughout Lancaster County as belonging to some of its best residents. The present representative of the family is one of the most successful young contractors and builders of Lancaster, and is both liberal and enterprising. He was born across the water in Germany, July 25, 1861, and is the son of Peter N. Wohlsein, of whom a more extended notice will appear in the sketch of our subject's brother, William, on another page in this book.

The parental family included seven children, of whom four are now living. Herman F. remained in his native land until 1879, in the meantime being given a good education in the model schools of that empire. After deciding to come to America he embarked on the steamer "Oder," which was twelve days in crossing the Atlantic. Young Wohlsein after landing in New York made his way directly to this city, where he engaged in the carpenter trade with his brother and attended night school until becoming thoroughly conversant with

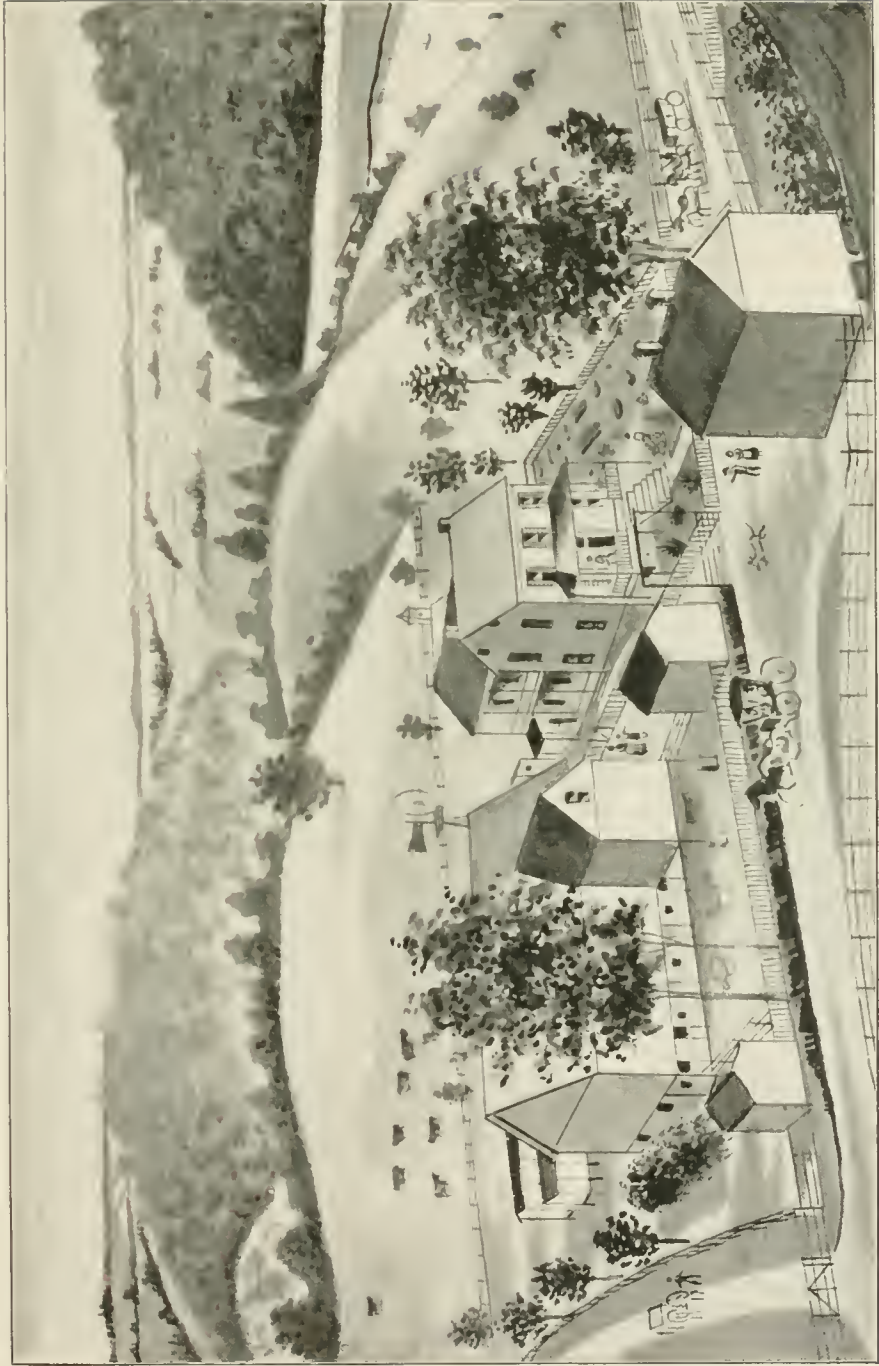
the English language. The brothers continued to operate together for three years, when our subject went to Baltimore and for the following three years carried on a good business in that city as a carpenter. At the end of that time he returned to Lancaster and was made foreman of his brother's shop for four years.

In 1890 Mr. Wohlsein began contracting and building on his own account and has erected some of the finest residences in the city, among them that of H. S. Williamson, W. H. Haynes, S. H. Reynolds and A. D. Ailes. He also remodeled the Presbyterian Church and built the chemical works at Harrisburg. Mr. Wohlsein is occupying with his family a beautiful residence, located at No. 429 Green Street, and also built and owns three other dwellings on Christian Street. He is the possessor of considerable real estate in the city, and intends in the near future to build on six lots on Dauphin Street.

To our subject and wife have been born four children: Laura, Carrie, Herman and Helen. In religious matters our subject is a devoted member of the Lutheran Church. He is in favor of all measures which have for their object the betterment of his community, and in politics never fails to cast a vote for Republican candidates.



**C**OL. WILLIAM B. FORDNEY was born on Chestnut Hill, Lancaster County, April 14, 1807. His ancestors came from the line between France and Switzerland, and lived on North Queen Street before the Revolutionary War. When he was three years old his parents moved to Lancaster, and with the exception of four years spent at Allegheny College, he spent his entire life in the city of Lancaster. He read law with President James Buchanan and was admitted to the practice of law in 1829, shortly after



FARM RESIDENCE OF JOSEPH S. HARNISH, SHENCKS FERRY, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.





President Jackson took his seat. He received his military title from Governor Wolf, under whom he served. When Colonel Fordney first practiced law at Lancaster, that Bar had among its members lawyers of national reputation, including ex-President Buchanan, William Norris, James Hopkins, Moulton Rogers (afterward a supreme judge), and many other legal lights. One of the early cases he tried was the celebrated Cobler murder, the defendant being charged with killing a Hebrew peddler. The body had seventeen wounds on it, and notwithstanding these wounds, the coroner's physician was about to make an autopsy of the head to ascertain the cause of death! The trial, however, resulted in the conviction of Cobler, and his execution followed in due time.

With the exception of two terms as prosecuting attorney, Colonel Fordney never held or sought office. He was nominated for Congress by the Democratic party, but declined. He practiced law forty years and was one of the most brilliant legal advocates and able counselors Pennsylvania ever possessed. During the last twenty years of his life he lived retired in the city of Lancaster, where he died in his eighty-third year, in July, 1889. Of his domestic relations it may be said in this connection that he was married November 1, 1837, to Miss Ellen Jenkins, who was born in Lancaster in June, 1813. She was the daughter of Hon. William Jenkins, a native of the same place. He was a successful attorney at law and died in the city of his birth. The family were originally from Wales, but emigrated to America two hundred years ago, and were the first settlers at Churchtown, where they built and operated iron forges, and many members of the family were in the Colonial wars. Their children are: Mrs. Samuel H. Reynolds, Thomas P. Fordney, William J. Fordney and Mrs. William H. Potter. In social circles, for more than half a century, there was no more conspicuous figure than Colonel Fordney. Of handsome and imposing figure; of pleasing, but dignified and courteous bearing, with a great fund of humor and replete with reminiscences, he was the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was a warm friend of Simon Cameron, so active in the history of Penn-

sylvania for a generation. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather of children who revered and fondly loved him. The family were members of St. James' Episcopal Church.



**H**ARRY M. BLACK, M. D., of Strasburg, is in the enjoyment of an extensive practice and has been very successful in his chosen profession. He keeps fully abreast of the times and recent discoveries in the medical world by taking the leading journals, keeping up his studies, and by attending the medical societies to which he belongs. He is examiner for the Northwestern Life Insurance Company, for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of New Jersey, the New York Mutual and the Equitable Life Insurance Companies of New York, and the Mutual Life Association of Pennsylvania, and is examining physician on pension cases. He is a leader among local politicians and members of the Democracy, being identified with the Young Men's Democratic Club of Paradise.

William Black, the paternal grandfather of the Doctor, was a drover and dealer in stock, in which lines of business he made a good fortune. He married Nancy McLoy, and they had seven children, the eldest of whom, William, is the Doctor's father, and the others in the order of their birth are as follows: Jane, who married Dr. Martin; Annie, Ross, Mary, Thomas A. and John.

William Black was born in the borough of Strasburg, August 2, 1823, and followed the same vocation as did his father. He was a dealer in all kinds of live stock and was a stock broker. Following in his father's footsteps in the question of politics also, he was a Democrat, and for a number of years was Councilman of Strasburg. For a

period of a term or so he served as School Director, and educational advancement found in him a warm supporter. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, to which denomination his wife also belongs. Fraternally he is identified with Strasburg Lodge No. 361, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all of the chairs. By his marriage with Eliza A. McAllister, he became the father of three children: Harry M., the subject of this narrative; Harriet C., who became the wife of William B. Bishop, and William R., who died in infancy.

Dr. Black was born in the borough of Strasburg, July 2, 1852, and received his primary education in the public schools of the district, where he was a student until nearly sixteen years of age. For a year and a-half after leaving his school work he engaged in carpentering, but on account of poor health, was at the end of that time obliged to leave active work, and did little for the next year. In the fall of 1872 he took up the study of medicine, and for the following year read under the direction of Dr. J. A. Groff. In the fall of 1872 he entered the Jefferson Medical College, where he took a year's course of study, after which he returned to this place, and again was under the tutelage of his former preceptor. In the fall of 1875 he returned to Philadelphia and was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College in that year with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In May of the same year, he opened an office in this place which has since that time been the scene of his labors. He has been very successful in building up a good practice and is popular and well liked by all. He is a member of the Lancaster County and State Medical Societies. He is an interested member of several civic societies, belonging to Strasburg Lodge No. 361, I. O. O. F., of which he is Past Grand, and is also a member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He belongs to the William Pitt Encampment of Odd Fellows of Paradise.

In 1886 Dr. Black married Carrie E. McCord, who was born and reared in the city of Middletown, Dauphin County, Pa. The lady, who is well educated and has always moved in the best social circles, is the daughter of Joseph McCord, a prominent business man and liquor merchant of Middletown. Dr. and Mrs. Black have become the par-

ents of three children, a son and two daughters: William, who was named in honor of his paternal grandfather; Maria E. and Annie.



**H**ON. EMANUEL D. ROATH. The history of Lancaster County would be truly incomplete did not the name and history of this, one of her most honored citizens, appear in its annals. Mr. Roath is a veteran of the War of the Rebellion, in which he did most valuable and commendable services for upwards of four years, during which time in addition to the usual perils and privations of army life he had also the misfortune to fall into the enemy's hands, being held for over six months in captivity. For two terms he has efficiently served as a Representative from this district to the Pennsylvania Legislature, having been first elected in 1857 and later in 1867. During his last term he was on the Military Committee and as such was one of the authors of the Military bill which established the present National Guard of Pennsylvania. He was also on the Committees of Agriculture and Corporation and is author of the Desertion bill. In 1867 and for the term succeeding he was very active in the House and was one of the leaders of the Republican party.

The birth of Mr. Roath took place in the city of Lancaster, October 4, 1820. His ancestors have been residents of this county for three generations, and his great-grandparents on both sides of the family were natives of Baden, Germany. On the paternal side, three brothers came to this locality, one settling near Lancaster, one going to Ephrata and the other locating in the lumber regions of the state. The maternal grandfather was a farmer and extensive land-owner. His property, which was situated along Chickies Creek between what is known as Chickies Mill and Mt. Joy, has been handed down from father to son until the present time. Jacob Roath, our subject's father, was born in Lancaster, and there followed his trade of tailoring. He died

in early manhood, not having reached two score years when claimed by death. He was one of General Lafayette's escorts from Paoli to Lancaster and was a member of General Hambright's Company, the Lancaster "Phalanx." Like his father, he was a member of the Reformed Church and in politics was a Democrat. By his marriage with Susannah Shireman he had four children, three of whom are deceased. They were as follows: John, Emanuel D., Jacob, and Philip B. and were all in the military service, John as a member of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Pennsylvania Infantry; Jacob, Lieutenant of Company B, Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry, Veteran Volunteers, and Philip as a member of Company E, One Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, under command of our subject.

The boyhood of Hon. Mr. Roath was passed in Maytown and near Marietta and he received his education in the public schools of that locality and in the academy at Shippensburg. He taught school for some years and during intervening periods also worked on the farm. About 1854 he was elected Magistrate of Marietta and has continued in that office up to the present time, having been elected eight times. In 1861 he was appointed Captain of Company E, One Hundred and Seventh Pennsylvania Veteran Infantry, by Governor Curtin. Going to the front he was assigned to the Second Division of the First Army Corps, commanded by Col. John F. Reynolds, and took part in the engagements of South Mountain, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, Mine Run, Rappahannock, the second battle of Bull Run and many others, including that of Gettysburg. In that famous encounter with the enemy and in nearly all of the engagements mentioned Mr. Roath was in command of the regiment and for his meritorious services was subsequently brevetted Major, Lieutenant-Colonel and finally Colonel. On the Weldon Road he was taken prisoner by the rebels and conveyed first to Libby, then to Salisbury, then to Danville and later returned to Libby Prison. After 1867 Mr. Roath continued in the duties of Magistrate and conveyancer. He has always taken a very active part in county politics, his opinion and authority having great weight therein. For twelve years he has

been School Director and at all times has devoted himself to the best interests of the borough.

In 1848 occurred the marriage of Mr. Roath and Susan R., daughter of Samuel Hipple, now deceased, and formerly of Marietta. Of this union two children, George and Anna, were born. The mother died in 1853 and Mr. Roath was married in 1858 to Harriet C. Young. This lady was a daughter of John Young, now deceased, and in former years a resident of Marietta borough. To Mr. and Mrs. Roath were born Charles Emanuel and Barsina H. The former has been called from this life and the devoted wife and mother died in December, 1892.

For half a century Mr. Roath has been identified with the Odd Fellows' society, for more than twenty-one years was a Representative to the Grand Lodge and has held all the offices in his home lodge. He is also Past Master of Ashara Lodge, held in Marietta, F. & A. M. and belongs to the Royal Arch Masons and Knights Templar. He is Past Commander of the Grand Army Post of this place and is ex-State Counselor of the American Mechanics' organization. Religiously, he holds membership with St. John's Episcopal Church of Marietta, of which he is Warden. His life has been most exemplary and has been unostentatiously devoted to upholding and promoting the best interests of his fellows.



**A**RNOLD HAAS, of Lancaster, is one of the industrious and enterprising business men of the place, and for years has been proprietor and owner of the Northern Market Hotel, at Nos. 323 to 328 North Queen Street. He has made many very material improvements upon this structure since he came in possession of it, and by his good business methods, the courteous treatment of his patrons, and the neat way in which everything is kept about the hotel, receives a large patronage. He has become quite well-to-do in thoroughly legitimate and honorable lines and has invested

his income to good advantage. A self-made man in the truest sense of the word, he has had his own way to make in the world and has fought the battle of life bravely, coming off conqueror over adverse circumstances. Though disappointments and losses have come to him as to all, he has been undaunted and has pursued the even tenor of his way.

Arnold Haas was born September 21, 1831, in Grube, Switzerland, and his parents, John B. and Anna (Engyele) Haas, were natives of the same country. The former resided all his life at Grube, where he was Postmaster for years and kept a general provision store. In 1847 he served for two months in the Swiss Army. By his marriage he had only one child, the subject of this narrative, and he was called from this life at the age of sixty-seven years. He was a conscientious and just man, holding membership with the Reformed Church.

Arnold Haas received a good education in his native land, and on completing his studies served a regular apprenticeship at the weaver's trade. This calling he followed for several years, and was married in 1861, five years after which, with his wife, he crossed the Atlantic and located in Philadelphia. In that city for a period of two years he worked at his trade and then became a resident of Jefferson County, Neb., where he remained for three years engaged in the cultivation of a farm comprising one hundred and sixty acres.

In 1871 Mr. Haas went to Chicago, and there met with severe losses at the time of the great fire of that year. Soon afterward he returned to the Quaker City, where he obtained employment for two years, and in 1874 he permanently settled in Lancaster, which has for the past twenty years been his place of abode. For some four years he was proprietor of the Tremont House, and in 1878 became the owner of the hotel which he has since conducted. The standard of this hostelry he has raised materially, has placed another story on the building and otherwise enlarged and remodeled the same, in addition to which he has built a good stable.

In his native land Mr. Haas was united in marriage October 7, 1861, with Miss Anna Naf, a native of the same country, and she has proved a valuable companion and helpmate to her husband

in the journey of life. In religious faith Mr. Haas is a member of the Reformed Church, and socially is connected with the Masonic order. He uses his right of franchise in favor of the Democratic party, and manifests a commendable public spirit, holding that the good of the majority is to be considered in preference to that of a few.



**D** FRANK KLINE, M. D., is a prominent young physician of Lancaster, who has a wide and extensive practice, and who is frequently called upon to give expert testimony on insanity cases. He has made a special study of various kinds of mental derangement, and has been so placed in his professional work and career that he has had fine opportunities to become conversant with this branch of disease. For a year he was resident physician in the Insane Asylum and Alms House of the county, and in September, 1890, was appointed Superintendent in charge of the Hospital and Insane Asylum, which position he held until New Year's Day of 1893, when he resigned to engage in private practice, and since that time has had his office at No. 32 North Prince Street.

Dr. Kline was born in the town of Union Deposit, Dauphin County, May 23, 1863, and his father, whose Christian name was Henry, was a native of Manheim, Lancaster County. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Kline, was an agriculturist of Dauphin County and also of this county. He was a member of the United Brethren Church, in the faith of which he died in 1879, aged eighty-one years. Henry Kline was a stock dealer, and was the owner of a farm in East Hanover Township, Dauphin County. He died in October, 1893, of typhoid fever, at the age of sixty-three years. In his political faith he was a Democrat, as are all his sons with the exception of our subject, who has been a Republican since casting his first vote.

The Doctor's mother bore the maiden name of Ellen L. Keller, and she was born and reared near

Union Deposit, Dauphin County, being the daughter of Michael Keller, who was born in the same locality, and was a farmer by occupation. Her brothers, Drs. D. C. and H. K. Keller, were practicing physicians at Union Deposit for forty-nine and twenty-six years respectively. Mrs. Kline became the mother of six children, all but one of whom are still living. George E. is a teacher in Grantville, Pa.; Harry S. is a stock dealer and resident of Shellsville, Pa.; Sadie, who lives in Annuville, this state, is the wife of Albert Imboden, and Milton C. makes his home in Palmyra, Lebanon County, in which town the mother is now living, being in her sixty-third year.

The boyhood of Dr. Kline was passed on the farm where he was born, and he received limited advantages in the common schools. From his twelfth year he was for six years a stock dealer, being almost constantly in the saddle. He then attended the Normal School at Annuville for one term, after which he took an examination given by the County Superintendent at Milton, and was one of seven out of a class of seventeen that were awarded certificates. He taught school for the next three years, and during this time also took a course in penmanship at Michaels' Business College near Delaware, Ohio. Afterward he studied medicine with his two maternal uncles, and in 1886 entered Jefferson Medical College, from which two years later he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He is truly self-made, owing his education almost entirely to his perseverance and determination. He worked his own way through college, starting with a sum of \$50, and great credit is due him for his enterprise. On first commencing his practice he was associated with Dr. Blough for six months in Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, and then for a year was at Maytown. The position of resident physician at the Lancaster County Hospital then being open, he was one of twelve applicants, and was appointed to the place in October, 1889, serving until September of the next year, when he was made Superintendent of the Hospital and Insane Asylum. January 1, 1893, he resigned that place to engage in general practice, and has built up a large clientele in this city. He belongs to the Lancaster City

and County Medical Societies, to the Pathological Society of Lancaster, of which he is a charter member, and is also identified with the State and American Medical Associations.

November 11, 1893, Dr. Kline was married in Elizabethtown to Miss Jennie M., daughter of Dr. H. K. Blough, who at one time was a member of the State Legislature. Mrs. Kline was born in Elizabethtown, and is a member of the United Brethren Church. In the spring of 1893 Dr. Kline was appointed Health Commissioner, and is an executive officer on the Board. He belongs to the Young Men's and Citizens' Republican Clubs, and is one of the leading young men of his party in this place. He is also a member of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, and of all the Masonic bodies in the city.



**S**AMUEL M. SELDOMRIDGE is one of the most prominent residents of Lancaster County and is at present engaged in the mercantile business at Farmersville, of which place he is also Postmaster. He has been prominent in political circles his entire life and the incumbent of important positions for over thirty-five years. He is the son of Samuel and Elizabeth C. (Weiler) Seldomridge, and was born in what is now known as the Jacob Musser farm, near Bird in Hand, December 17, 1831.

The Seldomridges were among the original settlers of this county. Andrew Zeltonrich, as the name was first spelled, was one of the sturdy, liberty loving sons of Switzerland, and emigrated to America in 1735. He immediately located in Pennsylvania and took a land warrant for two hundred and fourteen and one-half acres of land lying in Earl and Leacock Townships. He died in 1760, leaving a son and daughter, George and Eve. The original Seldomridge was a member of the Reformed Church and was instrumental in the

organization of that denomination in Earl Township.

George Seldomridge, after the death of his father, continued to occupy the old homestead, and from him is descended a large number of Lancaster County's most thrifty and successful farmers. Members of the family are living, some in Virginia, others in Ohio, Indiana and other parts of the west.

Samuel M. Seldomridge, the subject of this sketch, spent his boyhood and youth on a farm and obtained his education in the schools of the neighborhood. When a lad of fifteen years he left home, his only capital being strong hands and willingness to work. His first employment was in the store of J. L. & L. S. Robinson, of Intercourse, receiving as his salary \$40 per year. In 1848, when Messrs. Robinson sold their establishment to B. F. Hall, young Seldomridge was retained as clerk, continuing in that capacity until 1856. In the above year our subject was married to Miss Sarah, daughter of Daniel Soope, a well-to-do agriculturist of Upper Leacock Township, and the following year purchased a store from Isaac Roland located in Earlville. This he carried on successfully for two years, when he saw a good opening in Farmersville and removed hither, and now has one of the best equipped stores in this portion of the county and is doing a large and paying business. The store which he occupies is a three story structure, 32x80 feet in dimensions, and is stocked with a full line of general merchandise, such as sells readily in both village and country homes. He does about \$36,000 worth of business annually, and in addition to handling dry goods and groceries, is an extensive packer of leaf tobacco, in which branch of business he has been engaged since 1878.

During the war, knowing that prices would advance, Mr. Seldomridge invested his surplus capital in a large stock of goods, such as his experience taught him would be in demand, and consequently realized a handsome profit on his money. He bears the reputation of paying the highest price for country produce, which he ships direct to New York, and as an honest, upright business man, he is greatly respected in his community. Mr. Seldomridge is disposed to look on the bright side of life,

is jolly and good natured, and aside from participating in public affairs, gives his undivided time to his business interests.

Our subject is a Republican in politics and has represented his party on numerous occasions as a delegate to the various conventions. He is thoroughly trusted in every department of business and has often been called upon to settle large estates. In 1858 he was elected Township Clerk, which office he has filled uninterruptedly ever since. In 1859, under James Buchanan, our subject was appointed Postmaster, and as in the other office, has been the incumbent of the position to the present time. Mr. Seldomridge was elected Director of the Farmers' National Bank of Lancaster in 1877 and was made Vice-President in 1881. He is the possessor of several fine farms in the county, and with his family occupies a comfortable home opposite his store.

Samuel Seldomridge, Sr., father of our subject, was born in Leacock Township and died in 1857, at the age of sixty-three years. He was an extensive farmer and one of the wealthy residents of that township, where he had hosts of warm friends. He was first a Whig in politics, but after the organization of the Republican party, joined its ranks. The Baptist Church found in him one of its most valued members, and all worthy movements could count on his support. He was twice married. By his union with Miss Sarah Clausen there were born two sons and a daughter: Jacob, George and Sarah, all deceased. His second wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth C. Weiler, became the mother of seven children: Samuel M., of this sketch; John, Levi, Christian, Isaac (deceased), Johanna and Elizabeth. The father enlisted as a soldier in the War of 1812, but only got as far as Baltimore, Md., when he was honorably discharged. Andrew Seldomridge, grandfather of our subject, was the son of George and the grandson of the original Andrew Seldomridge. He too was a farmer of Leacock Township and a member of the Reformed Church.

January 19, 1888, the original of this sketch was elected a delegate to the Republican National Convention, which met in the World's Fair City, and voted for Harrison first, last and all the time.

August 25 of the same year he was made Chief Marshal of the largest county convention ever held in Lancaster County.

March 5, 1856, our subject was married to Sarah Soope, and to them were born four children: Harry C., a prosperous merchant of Rothsville, this county; Charles E., in business with his father; Morgan Rufus, also in the store, and Lillie M., at home.



**J**UST ZOOK has had a very successful career since establishing himself in the tobacco business in Lancaster, and now has one of the largest establishments in the county. He is clever, liberal and enterprising, and is possessed of good business ability. He has a good location and is undoubtedly one of the most prosperous dealers here. He is also a Director in the Lancaster Trust Company, and as will be seen, is self-made both as to education and finances.

The great-grandfather of our subject, Moritz Zug, as the name was then spelled, emigrated from the canton of Zug, in Switzerland, to the United States, accompanied by his two brothers, Christian and Johannas. They arrived in the city of Philadelphia September 21, 1742, in the ship "Francis & Elizabeth." Moritz Zug was a grandson of Hans Zug, who was an Elder in the Mennonite Church in Berne, Switzerland, where during the persecution he was incarcerated, together with six other preachers, in the year 1659. They suffered untold agonies while imprisoned, which was done on account of their religious faith, and were kept in confinement until 1671, when, being released, they were compelled to leave that portion of the country.

Moritz Zug first settled in Berks County, this state, but soon afterward located on the Lancaster Turnpike in West Whiteland Township, Chester County, where he passed the remainder of his life. His son, Abram, was the sixth in order of birth of the family of seven children and was born in January, 1761, in Berks County. In 1808 he removed

to East Lampeter Township, Chester County, where his death occurred September 19, 1826. His wife, Maria (Kurts) Zug, was born August 21, 1767, and died June 24, 1811. They had a family of eleven children, of whom Jacob, the father of our subject, was the fourth, and it was during his time that the name was changed to Zook.

Jacob Zook was born in 1797, near Eden, East Lampeter Township, this county, and followed the occupation of a farmer until 1861, when he moved to the city of Lancaster, where he lived retired until his death, in 1876, at the age of seventy-nine years. He was a Republican in politics, and in religion was a devoted member of the Baptist Church, which he served for many years as an Elder. His wife, Mrs. Christiana (Hauck) Zook, was a native of Lancaster County. She was a sister of Col. David Hauck, who obtained his title during the Mexican War. Mrs. Zook departed this life in 1889, when in the seventy-ninth year of her age.

The parental family of our subject included nine children, six of whom grew to mature years, and three are now living. Margaret H. married David Evans, late County Superintendent of Schools in this county, and died in March, 1894; Noah H. and Abraham H. went to Mississippi in the fall of 1865, and engaged in cotton growing near Vicksburg. The following year they were murdered and robbed, the younger son being found and brought home; the elder one was never found. The cause of this tragedy was the bitter feeling of the south toward northern men who came among them to engage in business. Mary A., the next in order of birth, is the widow of W. W. Edwards, of Philadelphia; Christiana married Lemuel McMichael, also a resident of the Quaker City.

The subject of this sketch was born March 27, 1847, near Eden, East Lampeter Township, and obtained his education in the public schools. In the spring of 1863, he entered the State Normal School of Millersville, and during the invasion of Pennsylvania by the Confederates the same year enlisted as a member of Company A, Fiftieth Pennsylvania Infantry, commanded by Col. James H. Wickersham. When mustered out he returned home and began clerking in a store at Camargo,

this county, where he remained for a twelvemonth. He then went to New Holland, where he was similarly employed until January, 1865, when he again volunteered his services in defense of his country, this time joining Company B, Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, and was mustered into service at Nashville, Tenn. With his regiment he was sent to Texas after Kirby Smith, and remained in the Lone Star State until January, 1866, when he was mustered out and returned home.

After the close of the war young Zook took a course in the Crittenden Commercial College, of Philadelphia, after which he returned to Lancaster, and for some time conducted his studies in the Franklin and Marshall College. In 1868 he engaged in farming on the old homestead, but this not being suited to his taste he sold out the estate and located in Lancaster in 1875. The following year he began dealing in leaf tobacco, in company with C. Augustus Bitner, which partnership existed until 1880, since which time Mr. Zook has carried on the business alone. He owns six warehouses, whose average capacity is ten thousand cases. In addition to this enterprise our subject is one of the organizers and directors in the Lancaster Trust Company, and is also a director in a number of other companies.

The marriage of Mr. Zook and Miss Emma E. Bitner occurred in 1877. The lady was born in this city, and is the daughter of C. A. Bitner, late a prominent business man of this city. To them has been born a son, Charles B. In politics our subject is a stalwart Republican, of the Thaddeus Stevens' school, and has been tendered public offices, but on account of his immense private business was compelled to decline all public honors.

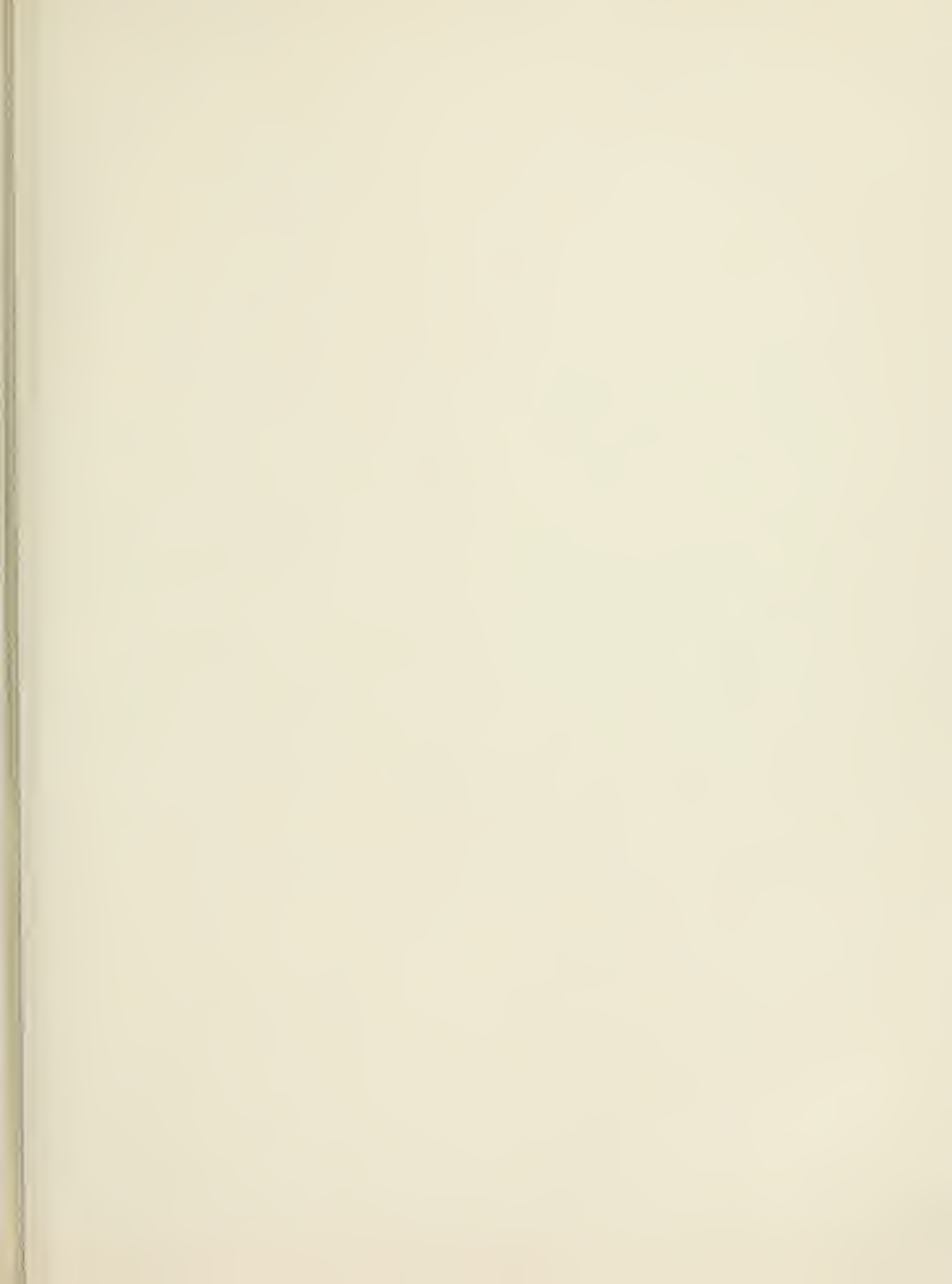


**F**RANK A. RIEKER is proprietor of the Star Brewery, one of the finest and most complete plants of the kind in the state of Pennsylvania. Mr. Rieker is one of the German-American citizens, who have been instrumental in the upbuilding and prosperity of Lancaster, where he has been a resident for a quarter of a century.

The nativity of our subject occurred in Wurtemberg, Germany, in March, 1844, his father, John Rieker, being a farmer in the Fatherland, where his death occurred. The wife of the latter was a native of Wurtemberg, and bore the maiden name of Anna Lechleitner. Her father, Jacob, was a native of the Tyrol, Austria, of a German family, and after his settlement in Wurtemberg he engaged in the hotel and farming business. Frank A. is one of eight children who grew to maturity, and all but one of whom are living, but he is the only member of the family who has come to America. He lived with his parents until thirteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to learn the brewery trade, and worked for three years for his maternal uncle, a large brewer of Esblingen. For some time thereafter he traveled in France, all through Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Bavaria and other countries.

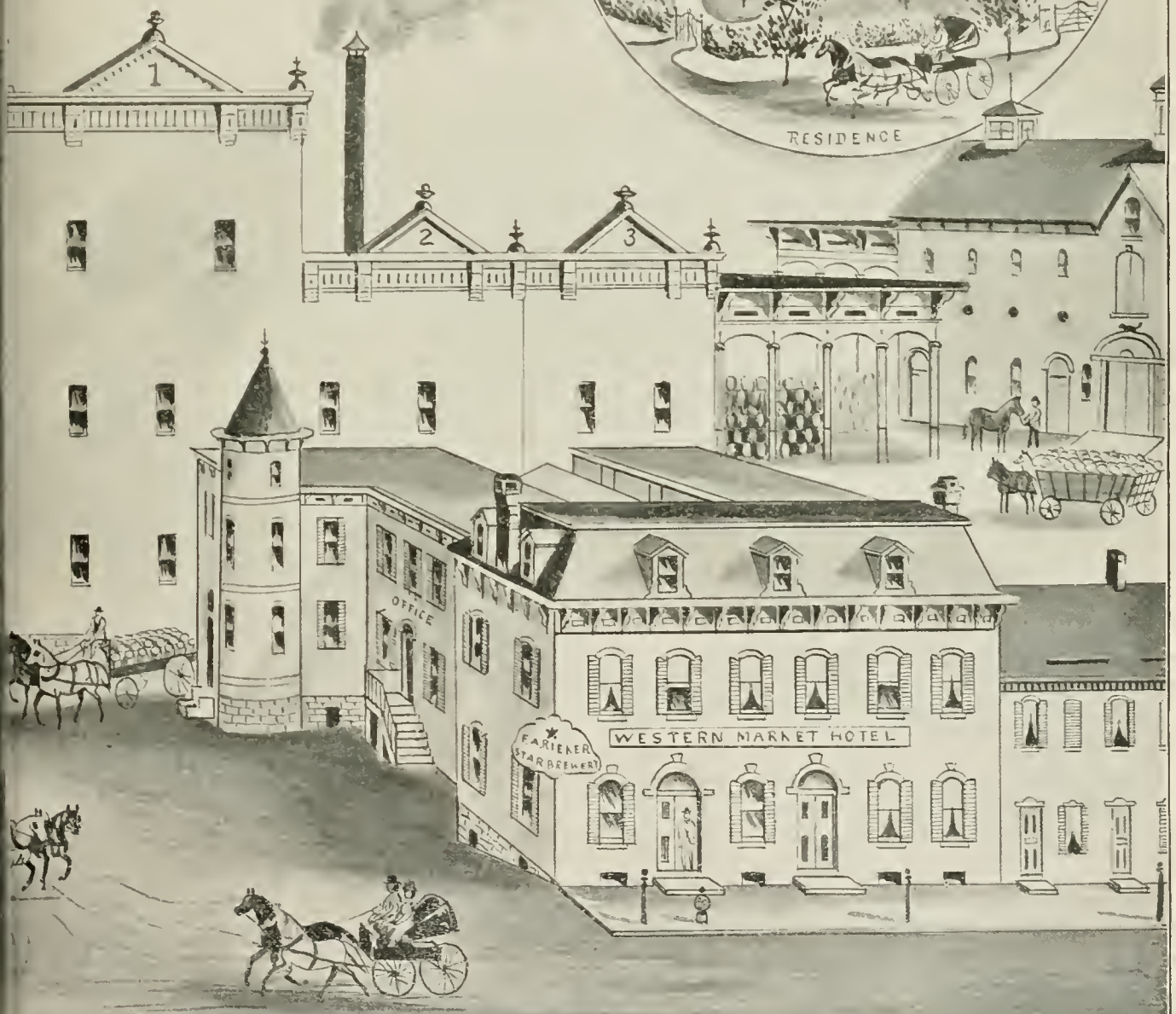
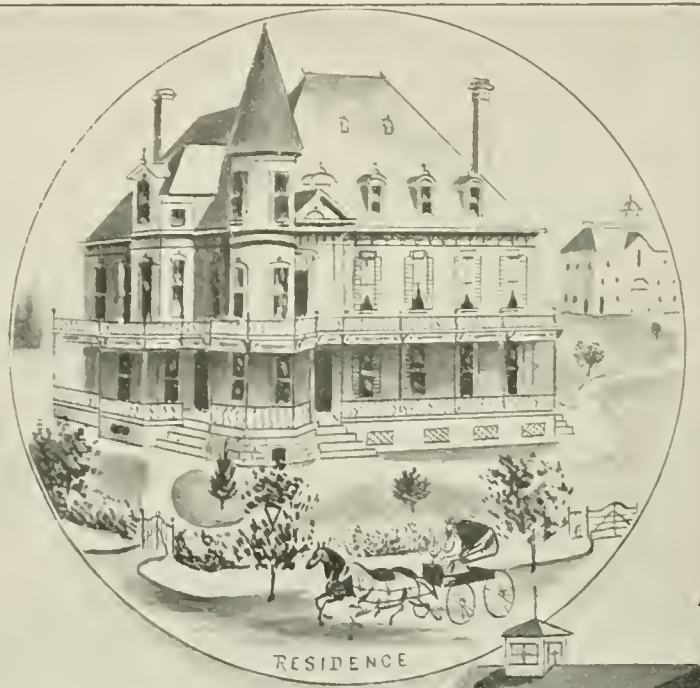
In the year 1863 Mr. Rieker came to the United States, leaving Hamburg, and for a year worked in New York City. Then going to Philadelphia he was there employed for the next two years, and in 1867 was made foreman in Frank's Brewery of Lancaster, a place he held for two years. For a like period of time he was in the employ of Joseph Wecker, in the same business, and then started out for himself. For a short time he operated a brewery in Columbia, Pa., but then returned to this point and became a partner with Sheid, Gertz & Co., in the Lion Brewery. After renting the plant in connection with Messrs. Struble & Co., for a year from the other owners, he became sole proprietor in 1875, and has since conducted the business alone. He rebuilt and greatly enlarged the old plant until its capacity was eight thousand barrels per year. He erected his new brewery on modern principles with all the latest improvements, and well equipped with every device and improvement used in the business. The capacity of the establishment is forty thousand barrels per year, and the ice machines connected with the concern manufacture one hundred and fifty tons; one hundred tons are used for refrigerating, and a fifty ton machine is used for making ice. The brewery is a building five stories in height, located on West King, First Street and Rieker Avenue, where it occupies a block in depth. There are two storage







F. A. RIEKER'S STAR BREWERY, WEST KING STREET AND CO.



AND MARIETTA AVENUES, LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA.



houses, engine and boiler room, in addition to the main building. The building was erected in 1892, at a cost of \$95,000. Further improvements will be added to the amount of \$30,000. When completed the plant will cover an area of one and one-half acres. Employment is given to thirty men.

In politics Mr. Rieker is independent, and religiously is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. The only fraternity with which he is associated is that of the Benevolent Order of Elks.

In 1868 Mr. Rieker married Cressentia Harmon, a native of Lancaster, and they have a pleasant home at No. 606 King Street. Mrs. Rieker is a daughter of John Harmon, and by her marriage has become the mother of six children: Frank J., who is a liquor dealer in Lancaster; Annie M., wife of Robert Ramsgate, a diamond broker of New York City; Mary, Charles, Harry and Ralph, who are at home. The Western Market Hotel, Nos. 602 and 606 West King Street, is operated by Frank J. Rieker. The hostelry is a well and favorably known resort, the proprietor being a very popular young man?



**W**ILLIAM M'COMSEY has been more active in educational work than any man in Lancaster, having served on the School Board for thirty years, and on all the important committees of the same. Moreover, he has served in many public capacities on the Board of Health, as Jury Commissioner, City Auditor, and many others, also City Treasurer, and has held the offices of both councils, except Mayor (and that office he refused to fill), and was a member of six committees in the last year.

Our subject is of Scotch-Irish parentage, being a son of Mathias and Mary M. M'Comsey, his birth having occurred August 29, 1820. His paternal grandfather, Samuel, was also a native of this county, and followed his trade, that of a stonemason, in addition to carrying on a farm. In

1790 he constructed a bridge, the embankments being of stone, at Conestoga, which is still in a good state of preservation. His father was born in Scotland, and the family were early identified with the history of this vicinity.

Mathias M'Comsey was born in Manor Township, this county, in 1787, and during the War of 1812 was for a short time in the service. Becoming the owner of land at Columbia, for which he paid \$100 an acre, he there started a distillery, which he successfully carried on until a financial depression set in. He died in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1833. In 1810 or 1811, he married Mary Vonderow, who was born in Virginia of German parentage, and was reared in this county. Left a widow, she kept her family together, five of these being sons and five daughters. Her death occurred at the age of eighty-three years, on the anniversary of her birth, which event occurred in 1791. She was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, though she was reared in the faith of the German Reformed Church.

William M'Comsey, of this record, is one of four of his father's family now surviving, and his eldest brother, Samuel, now eighty years of age, also lives in Lancaster. When a mere child, his parents removed to what is now Providence Township, and he remained on the farm until his seventeenth year, when he came to Lancaster, and after a short time went to Philadelphia, arriving in the night, with only sufficient money to pay his lodging. He was without friends or influence, but possessed a good constitution and was willing to do anything that presented itself by means of which he could obtain an honest livelihood. The next day he sought out Samuel D. Orrick, the only person in the city that he knew, and on narrating his story, that gentleman admired his pluck and gave him a few days' work in unloading cars, after which he secured him a position on the railroad as a conductor. Mr. Orrick was in the commission business, and for a long time our subject remained with him, being in the transportation line until 1850. At that time he became a member of the firm of Sener & Co., of this city, which continued until 1877, when he

withdrew. Afterward he became connected with the coal business of the late James Stewart, and was also interested in stone contracting. With that gentleman he continued until 1881, when he was elected City Treasurer, and after his term had expired he again returned to work for Mr. Stewart, finally retiring from active business.

It was in 1865 that Mr. M'Comsey was first elected to the City Council from the old Northwest Ward, serving until its division into smaller wards threw him out of the position. He was again elected to the Council in the spring of 1890, and being thoroughly posted in the duties of the office is conscientious and trustworthy in the discharge of the same. In 1866 he became a member of the School Board, on which he has served up to the present time, and no member has carried through more measures for the improvement of the educational system than he. The city boasts the finest school edifices in the state of Pennsylvania, and in this transformation from the former dilapidated buildings he has been very much interested. About 1870 he was an active member of the Board of Trade, and was Chairman of the Committee on General Affairs of the city. At one of the meetings he presented an important report drawing attention to the necessity of opening up a number of streets to the city limits, and after wide discussion the law was passed, in 1873, which has materially added to the wealth and manufactories of the place. In 1880 he assisted in taking the census, was City Auditor until the office was abolished, and for three years was Jury Commissioner.

In 1860 our subject purchased the old homestead, where he resided for three years, during which time he was an active member of the Lancaster City Agricultural and Horticultural Society. As an active Democrat, he has been a member of county committees for years, and was Chairman of the City Committee for a long time. In 1892 the Street Committee of the City Council presented him with a fine ebony gold-headed cane, and on many occasions when he was in health the various committees have met at his residence in order to have the benefit of his judgment. At the present time he is a member of the Select

Council, being Chairman of the Finance, Streets and Water, and Special Water Committees, and a member of the Committees on Water Service and Police.

In 1844 our subject married Miss Mary, the daughter of Henry Dorwart, a tailor of Lancaster and of German descent. His wife died in 1879, being in her fifty-ninth year. Five children graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. M'Comsey. Benjamin A. enlisted as a private when only seventeen years of age in the One Hundred and Twenty-second Infantry, and died at Berlin, Md., from exhaustion brought on by forced marches and exposure. Frank, who was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, died in Pittsburg. David D., formerly engaged in the tobacco business, departed this life in Pittsburg, in 1882, at the age of twenty-six years. William H., whose home is with his father, is a man of forty-two years, being now engaged in the dry-goods business. Mary E., the only daughter and the eldest of the family, is the wife of John M. Conroy, who is engaged in the plate glass business in Alleghany City. The substantial residence of our subject is at No. 43 West Chestnut Street, which has been his home since 1868, and besides this he owns property on Prince Street. Fraternally he is associated with Lodge No. 476, F. & A. M.



**D**R. HENRY A. MOWERY is one of the representative citizens of Marietta, where he enjoys a large and lucrative practice. He is identified with the Lancaster City and County Medical Societies and with the State and American Medical Associations, besides Union Societies of Pennsylvania and Maryland. He is an ardent Republican and in the interests of education has served as School Director.

Dr. Mowery is a son of Adam and Susan (Zercher) Mowery. His paternal grandfather, Henry, was born in 1775 in Lampeter Township, and

was of German ancestry. He never went to school, but after reaching manhood learned the rudiments of an education by his own efforts. He was a farmer, and during his last years owned and carried on a tract of land in Strasburg Township, on which place our subject was born. Grandfather Mowery was twice married, and by his first union had the following children: Baltzer, Susan, Benjamin, George, Anna, Mary and Henry. By his second wife, Anna, he had eight children, Martin, Philip, Samuel, Daniel, Abraham, Adam, Jacob and Emanuel. The mother of these children died at the age of sixty-nine years as the result of an accident, and her husband died when in his eighty-seventh year. He was a Republican and in religion was a Lutheran.

Adam Mowery was born in West Lampeter Township near Strasburg and there received his elementary schooling. He was reared to agricultural duties and became the owner of a farm comprising thirty acres. For twelve years he has served as a School Director and is a Republican. At the present time he is a Trustee of the Strasburg Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he belongs. He is the father of five children, as follows: Henry A.; Anna, wife of H. G. Book, of Parksburg, Chester County, this state, and a conveyancer of deeds; Amanda, Mrs. Lefever, of West Lampeter Township; Aldus J., a telegraph operator in Lancaster, and Adam C., whose home is in Iowa.

The Doctor, whose name heads this article, was born April 14, 1849, at Strasburg and in his boyhood attended the district schools of that township. His higher studies were pursued in the Academy of Strasburg and in the Millersville State Normal School. Subsequently he taught school for eight terms in Strasburg and Lampeter Township, and then for two years was a clerk in the First National Bank of Strasburg. In 1876 he took up the study of medicine under Jacob L. Mowery, a practicing physician of Manor Township at this writing. This gentleman received his elementary training under the supervision of our subject, who induced him to study medicine, which advice he followed. Thus in turn he received tutelage in medicine under his former pupil. In 1881 our subject took up his medical practice at

Akron, this county, where he remained only a short time. In the fall of 1881 he came to Marietta, which has since been his field of work, and he has met with much encouragement and gratifying success in this place.

September 5, 1872, Dr. Mowery married Miss Bella Weaver, and they have become the parents of two children, J. Norris and Harold W. Mrs. Mowery is a daughter of Josiah G. Weaver, a plasterer and contractor and one of the representative farmers of Adams County, Pa. Dr. Mowery is a member of the Presbyterian Church and fraternally is a Mason, belonging to Ashara Lodge No. 398 of Marietta.



**P**ROF. JOHN H. HALDEMAN, of Marietta, for over a quarter of a century has been prominent in educational affairs, having been connected with the Westfield (Mass.) Normal School for about that length of time. He has also been a member of the American Institute of Instruction, for a number of years was President of the Hampton County Teachers' Association, and was President of the Alumni Association of Westfield for three years. His services have often been called upon in institute work, in which he has been particularly successful. In 1892 he assisted in organizing the Marietta Gravity Water Company, to the Presidency of which he was at once elected, and is still acting in that capacity.

The Haldeman family have been residents of Lancaster County for two or three generations, and originated in Switzerland, as did also the Shissler family on the maternal side. Solomon Haldeman, our subject's father, was born at Locust Grove, Conoy Township. He was a miller by occupation, and a public spirited and very charitable man. In public schools and educational affairs he took great interest, and served as School Director for a number of terms. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and at various times held local

offices. He married Elizabeth Shissler, by whom he had six children; two died in infancy, and a daughter, Elizabeth, has also passed away. Those living are John H.; Levi, a member of the dry goods firm of Spanger, Haldeman & Co., and Mary, wife of H. C. Fahs, of Elizabethtown, Pa.

The birth of John H. Haldeman occurred December 23, 1835, in Conoy Township, this county. He was reared to manhood at Bainbridge, deriving his education from the public schools of Conoy Township, Millersville Normal and the State Normal at Westfield, Mass. Prior to his graduation from the latter institution, he taught school for several terms and also learned the printer's trade at Lancaster, Pa., under Edward McPherson, who afterwards became Clerk in the House of Representatives. After finishing his studies at Westfield he was offered the chair of mathematics in the same school and there remained for some time. Going to Montreal he next established a school for boys in connection with Fredric Haight, of that city. At the end of a year, however, he returned to his Alma Mater, Westfield Normal, being called to take charge of the School of Observation, with which he was connected for nearly twenty-five years. During this period he was foremost in the educational enterprises of the locality, and revised the "Language Lessons," published by D. C. Heath & Co. After his father-in-law's death he was made executor of his estate, this being in 1889, and for that reason he returned to Lancaster County. Much of his time for the past five years has been taken up with this work, and during the intervals of business he has perfected a number of inventions. Among others he has patented an automatic fire draft (for regulating the draft of a furnace or heating apparatus), which is on the market and finds ready sale. He is also the inventor of a self-locking bolt and nut, which is considered the finest thing of the kind ever constructed.

In November, 1876, Mr. Haldeman married Emma V. Collins. She is a daughter of Abram Collins, of Marietta, a well-to-do merchant and formerly for many years President of the First National Bank. Mrs. Haldeman is a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy at Emmetsburg, Md., and is a lady of rare culture and accomplishments. Mr.

and Mrs. Haldeman have one child, a son, Paul, who is pursuing his studies in the high school.

Politically Mr. Haldeman is a Republican, interested in the success of his party, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being identified with Mt. Moriah Lodge of Westfield, Mass. He and his estimable wife are members of the Congregational Church and are active in all good works. In his early manhood Mr. Haldeman spent a year in Indiana and a similar length of time in Illinois, and during Morgan's raid his services were brought into requisition in helping to defend Indianapolis.



**A** BRAHAM R. MYERS. One of the successful business enterprises of Mountville is the mercantile establishment of which Mr. Myers is the owner and proprietor. Through the exercise of wise sagacity in all his dealings, as well as uniform courtesy and reliability, he has become well and favorably known among the people of this village and the surrounding country. He is a native of Lancaster County, and was born in Manor Township, June 18, 1850, being a son of Jacob and Anna (Rohrer) Myers.

The family is of remote German ancestry. Our subject's great-grandfather, however, was a resident of England, and came from that country to the United States shortly after the close of the Revolutionary War. Locating in the northern part of Virginia, he entered a large tract of land and devoted his attention to agriculture until his death. His son, who likewise bore the name of George, left home at the age of sixteen and came to Lancaster County, where for a time he was employed in a distillery. Afterward he became the owner of a large farm, situated in Manor Township, and here he died at the age of forty-three years. His family consisted of one son, Jacob, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Annie and Barbara, all



of whom married. The grandmother married a second time, by that union becoming the mother of four children.

Throughout his entire life Jacob Myers was a resident of Lancaster County, to the welfare of which he was warmly devoted. His life work was that of farming, in which he engaged near Columbia in Manor Township. During the late war he assisted in filling the quota of men for the township, and was a stalwart defender of the Union cause. In politics he was a Republican, and for nine years held the office of School Director, serving in that capacity during the Rebellion. In religious belief he was a Mennonite. At the time of his death he was a resident of Mountville.

The first union of Jacob Myers was with Miss Anna Rohrer, who was born in 1807, and died in 1855, at the age of forty-eight years. Six children were born of this union, three sons and three daughters: Daniel; Mrs. Elizabeth Shuman, of Salunga; Mary, Jacob, Mrs. Anna Lehman, deceased, and Abraham R., of this sketch. After the death of our subject's mother, Jacob Myers was again married, choosing as his wife Miss Anna White, by whom he had two children, Harry and Mrs. Sarah Kauffman. The father died in 1889, at the age of seventy-eight years; his widow is still living.

In the public schools of Manor Township and the Millersville Normal School, the subject of this sketch gained a good education. He began teaching at the age of seventeen, and taught twelve terms in Manheim and Manor Townships, but finally retired from the profession in order to engage in the mercantile business. In 1884 he built the store that he now occupies in Mountville. In addition to other interests, he is deeply engrossed in religious affairs, and gives his sympathy and active co-operation to all measures calculated to aid in the promulgation of the Gospel. In 1886 he inaugurated a mission school, to which he gave considerable attention, assisting the enterprise financially and also officiating as minister. For two years he was President of the Sunday-school Association of southern Lancaster County. He is a graduate of the Chautauqua Bible Normal Union and United Brethren in Christ Bible Union, and recently completed one year's theological reading course. Since

the organization of the Mt. Gretna Camp Meeting Association he has been a member of the Board of Directors. In the United Brethren Church he is an active worker, and is now serving on the Board of Trustees, and has officiated as its President.

In every project having for its object the promotion of the welfare of the people, Mr. Myers is interested. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Mountville Manufacturing Company, and the present Secretary of the Board. He is also a Notary Public. In the National Building & Loan Association he is serving as Secretary and Treasurer of the Mountville office, the main office being in Bloomington, Ill. October 2, 1873, he was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie, daughter of Fred Stoner, of Manor Township. Their family consists of three children, Albert, Anna and Lizzie.



**H**ARRY S. KAUFFMAN is an enterprising business man of Lititz, where he is extensively engaged in the coal and lumber trade. He is the son of Emanuel and Mary (Stauffer) Kauffman, and was born in the above place November 16, 1861. The father of our subject was a native of East Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, his birth occurring September 12, 1833. In early life he was a well-to-do agriculturist, and from 1856 to 1865 followed the business of a butcher. He later, however, engaged in the coal and lumber trade, which he carried on until his decease, March 15, 1889. For a short time Emanuel Kauffman operated a brewery and was one of the prime movers and directors of the first bank doing business in this place. Later he became a heavy stockholder in the Lititz National Bank and was regarded as one of the most enterprising and successful business men of his day.

The father of our subject started out in life a poor man, but at the time of his decease was one of the prominent men of Lititz. He was a strong Republican in politics and always took an active

interest in educational affairs, serving acceptably as Director for many years. He was a prominent Mason and Odd Fellow and a consistent member of the Moravian Church.

In 1856 Emanuel Kauffman and Miss Mary, daughter of David Stauffer, were united in marriage. Their union resulted in the birth of three daughters and four sons, namely: Amanda, the wife of William DeHaven; Harvey, who died in infancy; Harry, our subject; Elmer, who is also deceased; Lottie, who departed this life in December, 1886; Elizabeth, the wife of W. H. Appel, of Allentown, and Morris.

John H. Kauffman, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of East Hempfield Township, this county, where he was engaged in farm pursuits, owning a good estate comprising one hundred and twenty acres. He married a Miss Swarr, and to them were born six children, namely: Emanuel, father of our subject; Anna, Elizabeth, John, Jacob and Amos. He is still living in East Petersburg, this state, at the age of eighty-six years. His wife died in 1874. The mother of our subject makes her home in Lititz, and is a devoted member of the Moravian Church.

The Kauffmans are of Swiss extraction, the great-grandfather of our subject having emigrated from Switzerland and made location in East Hempfield Township.

The original of this sketch attended first the public school of his native place and completed his education in the Lititz Academy. He then entered his father's coal and lumber office, the former having as his partner a Mr. Beckler. That gentleman retired from the firm in 1885 and Emanuel Kauffman then took his son, Harry, into business with him, the style being then changed to Kauffman & Son. They did a large and paying business, their sales amounting to \$40,000 annually. On the death of his father Harry S. succeeded to the business, which he is managing in a most profitable manner, and has the largest patronage in his line of any firm in the city. Mr. Kauffman, following the footsteps of his honored father, has aided in many ways the upbuilding of Lititz, and was one of the six business men to commence the building of the electric light and

power plant, and is serving at the present time as Treasurer of the company.

In social affairs Mr. Kauffman is a prominent Odd Fellow, belonging to Lititz Lodge No. 1050, I. O. O. F., of which he is Past Grand. He is also Past Chief of Garfield Castle No. 76, of the Golden Eagle, and a member of Manheim Lodge No. 587, F. & A. M. He is an ardent Republican in politics, on which ticket he was elected a member of the School Board.

August 21, 1884, Harry Kauffman and Miss Laura, daughter of Augustus Enck, of this city, were united in marriage. To them have been born three children, namely: Howard, Lottie and Lloyd.



**G**EOERGE B. OWEN, who makes his home in the village of Bareville, is the son of Benjamin and Eliza (Bender) Owen, and was born in Upper Leacock Township, this county, October 31, 1834. The family is of Welsh origin, the great-great-grandfather, Richard Owen, having emigrated to this country from the north of Wales about the time William Penn came to the United States. He at once located in Lancaster County, taking up a large tract of land which is now the site of Monterey. He came hither with a colony of Quakers, and the great-grandfather also belonged to the Society of Friends. During the later years of his life he moved to Delaware County, this state, where his decease occurred when advanced in years. He became the father of two sons: Jonathan, the grandfather of our subject, and Benjamin.

Jonathan Owen married Mary Bonsell, a resident of Delaware County, where they were engaged in farm pursuits and spent their entire life. Their union resulted in the birth of five children. Elizabeth married Ralph Davis, of the above county; Benjamin is the father of our subject; William makes his home in Delaware County; Jonathan, who also is a resident of that place, married Eliza-

beth Palmer, and Mary became the wife of Levi Garrett. The entire family were active members of the Society of Friends, and were all born in Delaware County.

Benjamin Owen was born October 31, 1793, and after being given a fair education, learned the trade of a wheelwright. On the death of his father he, in 1823, fell heir to a portion of the old homestead in Lancaster County, his share amounting to ninety-six acres, lying in Upper Leacock Township. He thereafter followed farm pursuits, in which occupation he was more than ordinarily successful. He was one of the organizers of the Lancaster County Bank, and was also Director of the institution for nearly a quarter of a century. In politics he was an old-line Whig and was an anti-Mason man. He was the recipient of many offices of honor and trust in his community, in whose welfare he was greatly interested. Like his ancestors, Benjamin Owen was connected with the Quaker Church.

The parents of our subject were married in 1832, the mother being the daughter of George Bender, a farmer of this county. To them were born two children: Mary, who died December 14, 1893, aged fifty-six years, and our subject. The husband and father departed this life August 6, 1880, greatly mourned by all who knew him. His wife was born January 12, 1812, and died October 14, 1877. She was a member of the German Reformed Church and was greatly respected and esteemed in her neighborhood.

The original of this sketch grew up on the old home farm and was given a good education, first in the district school and later in the New London Academy, Chester County. After completing his studies in that institution he returned to the homestead and was engaged in its cultivation until 1880, when he removed to Bareville, where he owns thirty and one-half acres of land and has a beautiful home. He is still the owner of the estate of his father, however, and derives a good income from its rental.

Mr. Owen has been Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Ninth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, and has held the various offices within the gift of his fellow-townsmen to bestow.

Socially he is connected with Lancaster Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., belongs to Goodwin Council No. 19, also to Lancaster Royal Arch Chapter No. 43, and Lancaster Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar. In political matters he is an ardent admirer of Republican principles and interested in the success of that party.



**R**OBERT M. BOLENIUS, A. M., M. D., is the County Coroner's physician, is very prominent, and stands high in the opinion of his professional brethren. He has been engaged in practice in Lancaster for over twenty years, and has been very successful in his undertaking. The Doctor is highly educated in general and is a student and scholar of great depth.

The birth of our subject occurred in Lancaster May 14, 1847, and his boyhood days were passed here, his time being mainly spent in the acquirement of his education. He was of German descent, his father, Adolphus W., having been born in Westphalia, Germany, at the village of Bielefeldt. His father in turn, Fred H. Bolenius, was born in the same province, and was a merchant. The Doctor's father learned the shoemaker's trade, but after coming to America engaged in merchandising in New York City for a time, thence proceeded to Philadelphia, where his business location was on Fourth Street, and while he was a resident of that city he became a major in the State Militia. About 1844 he opened a shoe manufacturing establishment in Lancaster, his factory being situated on South Queen Street, and there sewing machines in the manufacture of shoes were first used. The products of the institution were sold in this part of the state, and the business year by year increased in its proportions. April 26, 1861, the father raised a company to serve three months, the men being enlisted as Company K, of the Tenth Pennsylvania Infantry, and Mr. Bolenius was made Captain. Returning he re-enlisted for three years'

service, being made Captain of Company F, Fifth Regiment, and served as such until 1862. He took part in the second battle of Bull Run, in which his regiment was badly cut up and he himself received a wound in the right arm, which member had to be amputated at the shoulder. He returned home on a visit and then went to Europe. For a year after coming back to the United States he served as Provost-Marshal of the Ninth District. In 1864, his patriotism still undaunted, he re-enlisted in the Veteran Reserve Corps, of which he was made Major. Going west he had control and was disbursing officer and Inspector General of Ohio companies until the fall of 1865. He was next sent to Baltimore, where he became an officer in the Freedman's Bureau, and later was made Weighmaster and Assistant Department Collector in the Custom House. His long and valuable service in army and public life entitled him to the highest praise, for he was not even a native of the land for which he fought and worked so bravely, and besides he was over the age when he entered the service. In the Fatherland he was a Lieutenant in a regiment of his native town, belonging to the Fifteenth Army Corps. After the formation of the Republican party he became one of its most ardent supporters, and was a member of a Grand Army Post in Baltimore, of which he was brevetted Colonel. His last days were spent in Lancaster, where his death occurred in 1884, at the age of seventy-six years. In religious belief he was a Lutheran, as in that faith he had been reared. His wife, formerly Emma Miller, was born in Lamporter Township, this county, her father, David Miller, having been a broker and real-estate dealer in this place many years ago and until his death in 1858. For three years he was Sheriff of Lancaster County, having been elected on an independent ticket. His father, like himself, was a native of the county and was a soldier in the War of 1812, and of German descent. Mrs. Emma Bolenius died in August, 1876, at the age of sixty-two years, and of her children only two lived to maturity, Frederick H., a merchant in Baltimore; and Robert M

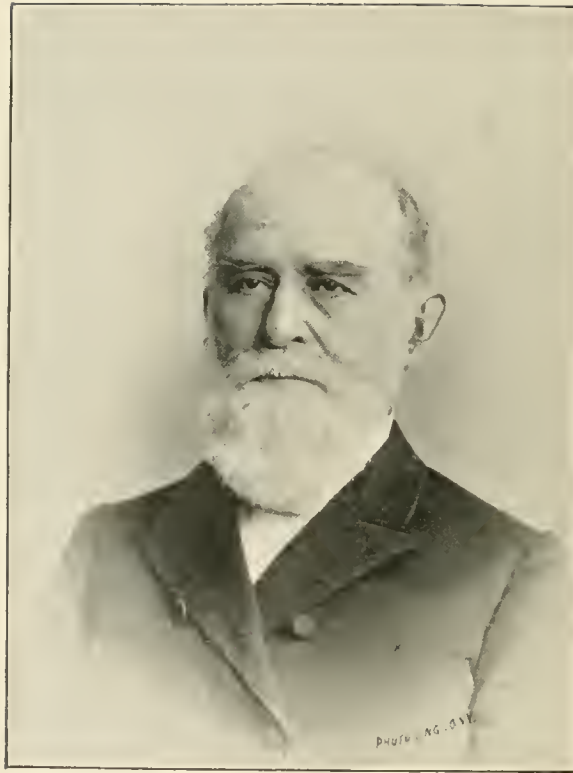
Until thirteen years old our subject attended the grammar schools of this place and then entered the high school, where he remained until 1862.

When his father went to Germany during the war, he went with him, going by the way of New York and Hamburg, on the steamer "Borrussia," a twenty-two days' voyage. With his maternal grandmother he remained at Bielefeldt, while he pursued the study of German and the classics in the gymnasium. In 1865 he was graduated from that institution, being then eighteen years old. In October, 1865, he left Bremen for New York City, after having traveled over several German provinces, and also in Italy and Switzerland. His father at this time was in Ohio, and he therefore proceeded to Columbus, where he remained with him until 1866. In January of that year, he entered the Academical Department of Dartmouth College, which he left in 1867 to take another journey through Europe. On that trip he visited the Paris Exposition, and later came back to the old homestead. At the end of three months the young traveler returned to Dartmouth, from which he was graduated in 1870 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and from which he later received the further degree of Master of Arts.

Having determined to give his life to the medical profession, Dr. Bolenius now took up the study with Dr. Henry Carpenter as his preceptor, and subsequently entered the Medical Department of the Maryland State University, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine upon his graduation in March, 1873. At once the young Doctor returned to Lancaster and has since been engaged in active practice. At first his office was just across from his present one, where he has been located since 1875. For fifteen successive years he was one of the physicians of the Lancaster County Hospital and Insane Asylum; for six years has been the Coroner's physician, and for a like period of time has been a member of the City Board of Health. For years he has been identified with the Lancaster County, the State Medical, the American Medical and the Lancaster Pathological Associations.

Fraternally Dr. Bolenius is a member of Lamber-ton Lodge No. 476, F. & A. M., of which he is Past Master and a Trustee, and also belongs to Chapter No. 43, R. A. M., and Commandery No. 13, K. T. Of Perfection Lodge Fourteenth De-





REV. E. V. GERHART, D. D.

gree, A. N. S. R., he is the Grand Secretary. In politics the Doctor is a Republican, having served for eight years on the Common Council of the Fourth Ward, being President for one year, and for two years served on the Select Council. Ever actively interested in the cause of education, he has been a member of the School Board for twelve years, and has been Chairman of the Text Book Committee and on the Committee of Course of Instruction. In his religious belief he is a Lutheran, being a member of Trinity Church.

In 1875 Dr. Bolenius was united in marriage with Miss Catherine, daughter of Dr. H. Carpenter, a prominent surgeon and general practitioner, who was very well known in Lancaster. He was a graduate of the Pennsylvania University at Philadelphia, and was a surgeon in the army. In politics he was a very prominent Democrat up to the time of his demise, which occurred in 1888, when he was about sixty-six years of age. To the Doctor and his worthy wife were born five children, who are still living. Emma M. and Henry C. are attending the high school, being members of the Class of '94; Adolphus W. belongs to the Class of '95; Mary C., also a student in the high school, expects to graduate therefrom in 1897; and Catherine completes the family.

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**R**EV. EMANUEL V. GERHART, D. D., LL. D., is President of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States, which is located at Lancaster. Dr. Gerhart is a gentleman of rare scholarship and general qualifications, besides being an author distinguished for his philosophy and clearness of induction. For several years he has devoted deep thought and study to the work entitled "Institutes of the Christian Religion," which has been issued in two volumes, and is the most complete and systematic setting forth of Christianity and the doctrines of the church that has perhaps ever been published.

The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was Abraham Gerhart, a native of Sellersville, Bucks County, this state, where he engaged in farm-

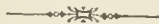
ing. His father, Peter Gerhart, came from Alsace, France, in 1730, settling in Bucks County, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. The Doctor's father, Rev. Isaac Gerhart, was also born in Bucks County, and early began his theological studies. On being ordained a minister in the Reformed Church, he took charge of a congregation in Union County and then followed many years of very arduous work in the Master's vineyard. For a time he resided in Frederick City, Md., and in Manheim, Lancaster County. His death occurred in February, 1865, in Lancaster, at the age of seventy-seven years. He was very musically inclined and published a book of songs. His wife, who was before her marriage Sarah Vogel, was born in Northampton County and was reared in Philadelphia. She was of French descent and was reared in the Lutheran faith. By her marriage she became the mother of five children, four of whom are living, and she was called from the family circle by death in 1861.

Rev. Mr. Gerhart was born in Freeburg, Union County, Pa., June 13, 1817, and until he was sixteen years of age the most of his time was passed in Millersburg, on the banks of the Susquehanna. He was educated in the high school of York, Pa., and in Marshall College in Mercersburg. He graduated in 1838 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and three years later that of Master of Arts was conferred upon him. In 1842 he was ordained to the ministry, after pursuing a three years' course in the theological seminary. His first charge was as pastor of four congregations in Franklin County, Pa.; and in April, 1843, he was made Pastor of a church in Gettysburg, Adams County, and had three other churches under his supervision. When a little more than six years had passed he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, to do missionary work among the Germans, beginning his labors in a shanty, but ultimately laid the foundations of a good church on Elm Street. He was Superintendent of missions and traveled extensively in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky in the interest of the work.

In the fall of 1850 Dr. Gerhart was elected Professor of theology in the Tiffin (Ohio) Theological Seminary, and was also made President of

Heidelberg College, of Tiffin, Ohio. The latter institution was founded in the fall of 1850, and the following spring Dr. Gerhart became its first President. In 1853 Franklin and Marshall Colleges were united but had no President until 1855, when the position was offered to our subject. Accordingly, in the spring of that year he accepted the honor, and in addition to his other duties was Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy for the next eleven years. He then resigned the Presidency, becoming Vice-President for two years, and held the same chairs as formerly. In 1868 he was elected to fill a Professorship in the Mercersburg Theological Seminary, being also chosen President of the institution. He is presiding pastor of St. Steven's Reformed Church, and has been President of the Eastern Synod several times. During the '50s he held a like position in the Ohio Synod and has been President of the General Synod.

January 3, 1843, Dr. Gerhart and Eliza Rickenbaugh were united in marriage in Hagerstown, Md., of which place the lady was a native. Her father, Martin Rickenbaugh, was formerly a well known business man of Hagerstown. Four children have blessed the union of our subject and his wife. Col. William R., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, in the Class of '63, was in the service during the war and remained in the army until 1867. He is now a solicitor of patents. The second son, Rev. Robert Leighton, was also educated in Franklin and Marshall College, and graduated from the Theological Seminary in 1871; he is a minister in the Reformed Church at Bedford, Pa. Virginia is a teacher of drawing and painting at the Linden Hall Seminary of Litzitz, Pa. Paul, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, studied law and was admitted to the Bar, but is now engaged in the grocery trade in Lancaster. Dr. Gerhart and his sons use their right of franchise in favor of the Republican party.



**H**ENRY K. BAUMGARDNER, one of the enterprising and successful business men of Lancaster, is proprietor of a wholesale and retail lumber and coal yard, having one of the oldest sites in the city, and being successor to B. B.

Martin & Co., under which name the trade is continued. A native of Lancaster, our subject was born on Duke Street, January 9, 1851; here he grew to manhood and attended the excellent public schools. He is the only living son of Henry Baumgardner, a well known resident of this locality.

For a time, H. K. Baumgardner was a student in the preparatory department at Franklin and Marshall College, which he left to engage in business. Going to Philadelphia, he established a rope and cordage manufactory in company with B. J. Woodward, with a plant at Beverly, N. J. The firm started in business under the name of Baumgardner, Woodward & Co., and by good management and the excellent ability of both partners, their trade increased year by year until the house became fourth in rank in the United States. The products turned out by this concern were manilla, sisal and similar ropes and cordage, and our subject was Superintendent of the manufactory. In January, 1888, this extensive plant was disposed of to the National Cordage Company of New York. The firm had a fine exhibition of all sizes and kinds of rope at the Centennial, one notable example being six inches in diameter and nine hundred feet long.

In the fall of 1888 our subject became a partner in the firm of B. B. Martin & Co., dealers in lumber and coal at No. 424 North Water Street, and their connection existed until August, 1890, when Mr. Martin's death occurred, our subject then purchasing his share in the business and becoming sole proprietor. This firm, one of the oldest in the city, was started by Mr. Martin fully forty-five years ago. The buildings are of brick and frame, with numerous sheds, etc. The firm ships lumber and coal in both wholesale and retail quantities to many points outside the city, having a side track from the Pennsylvania Railroad. Mr. Baumgardner is sole agent for the Martindale bituminous coal, mined by his brother-in-law, J. C. Martin.

The marriage of Mr. Baumgardner took place in this city in 1877, when Miss L. E. Martin became his wife. The lady was born and reared in this locality, being a daughter of B. B. Martin, also a native of the county. He was reared on a farm, and on attaining mature years entered the dry-



goods business in Lancaster, later turning his attention to the coal and lumber trade, in which he succeeded, acquiring a considerable fortune. Our subject and wife are members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Mr. Baumgardner being a member of the Board of Trustees and Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday-school. He votes with the Republican party and belongs to the Masonic fraternity, having joined the order in Beverly, N. J., and is Past Master of Lancaster Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M. In connection with his business interests he is a member of the Pennsylvania Retail Lumbermen's Protective Association.



FRANK P HART is now living a retired life in the enjoyment of rest from his former years of toil, making his home in Strasburg, Lancaster County. His career has been very active and useful, and in the capacity of editor his influence upon the public has been very marked. For a number of years, he was engaged in the profession of teaching, in which work he was very successful, and also did well during his connection with several leading newspapers of this state. His latest venture was as publisher of the Strasburg *Free Press*, which he sold out in 1890, and has not been engaged in business since the spring of 1893.

Peter Hart, the father of Frank P., was born in Lancashire, England, and emigrated to America in 1812. By trade he was a cotton manufacturer, and for a number of years operated a factory at Derby, Delaware County, this state. Subsequently he was more extensively engaged in manufacturing at Landenburg, Chester County, where he continued to have his headquarters until the year 1873. Then going to Philadelphia, he was retired from business until his death, in 1876. Politically he was an old-line Whig, and later became a Re-

publican. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was Sunday-school Superintendent for many years, and was Trustee and Class-leader for a long period. About the year 1827 he married Miss Mary Brelsford, and they had eight children, only four of whom still survive. Those who have passed from the shores of time are James, William, Catherine and Mary; and the others are, Frank P.; Louisa, who married Joseph Lemon; Samuel and Edwin K.

Frank P. Hart was born in Philadelphia, October 19, 1829, and received his education in the public schools of the Quaker City and in those of Chester County. When about seventeen years of age he completed his schooling, and was employed by his father in his cotton factory. As this business was not just to his inclination, he relinquished the trade and became a coach-maker, at which vocation he worked for about four years. In 1857 he commenced teaching school, and for the next eight months was engaged in this profession at Birmingham, Chester County. It was in 1859 that our subject first came to this county, and here he devoted the next thirteen years to the profession of teaching. At the expiration of this time he became interested in a newspaper which he edited in Coatesville, Chester County, for about three years. Then, returning to Lancaster County, he became managing editor of the Lancaster *Daily Examiner*. With this experience he was then prepared to become associate editor of the Pittsburg *Telegraph*, in which position he continued for some time. The post of Revenue Officer for the Ninth District of Pennsylvania being tendered him, he accepted the same, and served as such for nine years. His next undertaking was in the life insurance business, which he followed for some time at Lititz, Pa., and then returning to Strasburg, engaged in merchandising for five years, and during this time also published the Strasburg *Free Press*.

For over a quarter of a century Mr. Hart has been a member of the Presbyterian Church, and for twenty-six years has officiated as a Ruling Elder. In Sunday-school work he has also done his share, and for years was Superintendent. He is a member of Monterey Lodge No. 242, I. O.

O. F.; Lititz Lodge No. 252, K. of P.; and of Lititz Lodge No. 76, Knights of the Golden Eagle. September 13, 1855, Mr. Hart was married to Eliza J. Wiley, who was born in Strasburg, and they have one child, a daughter, Ella B., at home.



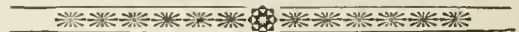
**J**OHAN H. OSTERTAG, who is one of the prominent and substantial business men in Columbia, has a fine furniture and undertaking establishment, to which he has lately added a full line of carpets, and also takes orders for cabinet-making. Our subject is the son of Andrew and Eva M. (Hethinger) Ostertag, and was born in West Hempfield Township, this county, January 5, 1857.

The father of our subject is a native of Baden, Germany, and emigrated to the United States when a young man of twenty-five years. He at once located in West Hempfield Township, where he was the possessor of a fine estate which he operated until 1894, and then retired from active business, and now makes his home in Columbia. He is a Democrat in politics and a devoted member of the Lutheran Church. By his union with Miss Hethinger he became the father of four children, of whom our subject was the second in order of birth, and the eldest died in infancy. Andrew M., who with John H. is the only member of the family living, is a cabinet-maker by trade and is head workman in the establishment of our subject in this city.

The original of this sketch, like most of the farmer boys, attended the district school during odd seasons on the farm, and when only fifteen years of age began to earn his own living by working out at \$10 per month. He afterward worked in the mines until 1875, for which he received \$1 per day, and then began learning the trade of a cabinet-maker, serving an apprenticeship of three and one-half years. After becoming thoroughly acquainted with the business he abandoned it and

returned to farming. This did not occupy him but a short time and he later went to Littlestown, working at his trade, which he followed with good results until 1882, when, in January of that year, he established himself in the furniture and undertaking business in this city. He applied himself very industriously to building up a good trade, and now has one of the best equipped houses in his line of business in Columbia, and commands a good patronage.

John H. Ostertag was married in 1882 to Miss Mary Westerman, and to them has been born a family of four children, Charles A., Harry C., Celia A. and John W. In his political relations, our subject is an ardent Democrat and never fails to vote that ticket. He stands very high in Masonic circles and belongs to Lodge No. 286 in this city, and the Artisans' Order of Mutual Protection, No. 20. Mr. Ostertag belongs to the Funeral Directors Association and is actively connected with the Retail Merchants Association of Columbia, in which he has served as Vice-President. He is a liberal contributor to the support of the Lutheran Church, with which he has been connected for many years. In all his dealings Mr. Ostertag has preserved the inherent honesty and integrity of his character, and as one of the best citizens of the community, holds the unlimited confidence of all who know him.



**J**OHAN MUSSER, President of the First National Bank of Marietta, is a retired agriculturist and fruit grower of Lancaster County.

He is now a resident of Rowenna, and was born in East Donegal Township, January 17, 1826. His parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Gisch) Musser, were natives of Pennsylvania, and were of Swiss ancestry, the Musser family having made their home in this county for about five generations. The father of our subject was born in Manor Township, in June, 1799. He was a farmer by occupation and spent his entire life tilling the soil.

He made a success of the business, and accumulated considerable property before his death. He was also one of the prominent men in the community, filling various offices in the township, and taking an active part in the public improvements of his vicinity. He was a consistent member of the church called the Brethren in Christ, and for a short time served as Deacon in the same. Nine children were born to Henry and Elizabeth Musser, three of whom lived to mature years. Mary is the wife of David Eyer, now deceased; Elizabeth is the wife of Henry M. Engle, also deceased, and John is next.

The subject of this sketch was reared on his father's farm, and attended the public schools of his locality in his youth. He remained with his parents until 1852, when he started out in life for himself. He purchased a farm near where he now resides and engaged in agricultural pursuits, and for thirty years was considered one of the most prosperous and progressive farmers of the county. In the last few years of his farm life, he made fruit growing a specialty, finding in it a source of much pleasure as well as profit. He has for some time practically retired from the arduous labor of a farmer, but is still a prominent business man in the community, occupying the high position of President of the First National Bank of Marietta, and for eleven years has served as School Director, besides filling various other offices in his township and county.

John Musser and Miss Martha Berg were united in marriage January 7, 1851; she is a daughter of Jacob and Fanny Berg, well known and highly respected citizens of Conoy Township. Mr. and Mrs. Musser became the parents of four children. Henry C. married Ida S. Plaine and is at present interested in mining property in Virginia; Alice is the wife of Amos Zigler, of Rowenna; Hiram and Eugene are both deceased.

Politically our subject is a staunch Prohibitionist and a warm advocate of the principles of the "New Party." The temperance cause will always find in him a friend. He is a member of the church of the Brethren in Christ, and is actively engaged in the good work of promoting the Gospel. Financially prospered and blessed with an abundance of this world's goods, Mr. Musser is ranked among

the leading citizens of Rowenna, and is recognized as a man of more than ordinary ability. His high social standing and excellent business qualities have gained for him a large circle of warm and true friends.



**T**HEODORE WENDITZ, who was one of the brave defenders of the Stars and Stripes during the late War of the Rebellion, and took part in many of the most important engagements in which the Fifth and Twenty-second Army Corps did service, has for a number of years past made his home in Lancaster. He is now engaged in carrying on a restaurant and wholesale oyster depot at No. 210 North Queen Street, his location being well adapted for this branch of trade. As a business man he has evinced good ability in the management of his affairs, and has amassed a comfortable fortune.

The Wenditz family were early settlers in Lancaster County, being of Scotch-Irish descent. It is known that the great-great-grandfather of our subject was a resident of Drumore Township, and that there Christian, the next in descent, was born. Of the latter's three sons, Christian, John and Daniel, the last mentioned was our subject's grandfather. He was born in Harrisburg, and for fifty years lived in Strasburg, following his trade as a tailor for a few years, and afterward taking up various industrial pursuits. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the faith of which he died when in his sixty-ninth year. He married Susannah Cline, of Safe Harbor, and to them were born nine children, of whom the two eldest died in infancy. The others were Jacob, Christian, Evan, Mrs. Mary Waters, Mrs. Nancy Murdock, Mrs. Catherine Neal and Mrs. Margaret Ailes. The wife and mother died when in her eighty-fifth year.

Christian Wenditz, the father of our subject, was born August 25, 1810, at Strasburg, Pa., where he resided until 1832. He then became a resident

of Drumore Township, where for twenty years he was employed in working at his trade, that of shoemaking. In 1853 he came to Lancaster, where he obtained employment in clerking and other mercantile lines. For a few years he was with Herman Miller, in the soap and candle business, and subsequently was janitor in the high school until retiring from active life, his last years being quietly passed at the homes of his children. In politics he is a Republican. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Markley, died November 21, 1867. She was the mother of seven children: William M. and Susan, who died in infancy; Charles, a soldier in the late war, who was killed on the railroad; Albert, who was also in the service; Theodore; Martha L., Mrs. Rodgers; and Anne E., wife of Capt. E. McMullen, proprietor of the Exchange Hotel, and a bridge contractor of Lancaster.

Theodore Wenditz was born September 10, 1838, at Chestnut Level, Drumore Township, and there received a common-school education. When fifteen years of age he began learning the carpenter's trade, and assisted in building the Cardwell Hotel, now known as the Heister House. On the 13th of June, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, First Pennsylvania Reserves, Thirtieth Pennsylvania Infantry, as a Corporal, and was promoted in January of the next year to the post of Sergeant. After the battle of Bull Run he was transferred to the United States service, reported to General Dix at Camp Carroll, near Baltimore, Md., July 22, 1861, and was assigned to the First Brigade of McCall's Division. For some time he was engaged on Provost duty at Fredericksburg, Va., and on June 13, 1862, was placed in Seymour's Division of the Fifth Army Corps. In the battle of Fredericksburg he was wounded by a musket ball which lodged in his right forearm, and which has never been extracted. He had many other narrow escapes, balls frequently passing through his clothes and grazing his skin. Among the many engagements in which he took part are the following: Gaines Mills, Malvern Hill, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Bush Station, Mine Run, battle of the Wilderness and Spottsylvania. He served in three battles after the ex-

piration of his term of enlistment, and was finally mustered out June 13, 1864.

Returning from the south, Mr. Wenditz engaged in conducting a market business, and for three years kept four cars filled with produce running between Lancaster, Philadelphia and Baltimore. For about two years and a-half he was bar-keeper at the Union League, now called the National House, and afterward was employed for a short time in a restaurant in Lancaster. For over twenty years he was engaged in business for himself at the Chestnut Street Hotel. In 1891 he removed to Walnut Street, buying the homestead formerly owned by his wife's father. He has succeeded in building up a very large trade in oysters, selling to the numerous restaurants and hotels in the city and vicinity.

September 11, 1865, Mr. Wenditz married Miss Mary, daughter of John Rees, and to them have been born three sons and a daughter. Charles A. married Miss Sadie Leib, and is interested with his father in business. The others are Harry E., Maggie and Amos D. The daughter married Paul Eppel, assistant editor of the *Free Press*. Mr. Wenditz had the settling up of the estate of John Rees, his wife's father, who was an old and respected resident of this city.

In 1892 Mr. Wenditz was elected as a member of the City Council from the First Ward on the Democratic ticket, though his party is in a large minority in that ward. He is a member of George H. Thomas Post No. 84, G. A. R., and also belongs to the Union Veteran League. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, one of the oldest congregations in Lancaster.



**J**OHAN R. JEFFRIES, an honored veteran of the late war, who participated in many important battles and engagements, and who stood nobly by the Stars and Stripes, is one of the most respected citizens of Lancaster. Mr. Jeffries is the oldest brick contractor in the city and has been one of her active business men for about half a century. The birth of our subject

occurred in Maytown, East Donegal Township, of this county, January 11, 1830. His father, whose given name was John, was of Scotch-Irish descent and was born in Chester County. He followed the trade of a stone mason, and on coming to this country was married in Marietta. Later his home was in East Donegal Township, where his death occurred at the age of ninety-one years. His wife, Esther Reinhart, was also born in Chester County, where her father, Owen Reinhart, was a farmer.

In his parents' family, which comprised nine children, our subject is the youngest and one of the three who survive. His education was obtained in the common schools, and he was only seventeen years old when apprenticed to learn the trade of a mason with his brother, David, of this city. For seven or eight years he worked at his trade and then commenced business for himself, and has continued it for the past thirty-five years. He has worked for all the large contractors and has erected some of the finest buildings in the city, employing from thirty-five to forty men and having entire superintendence over affairs. For himself he erected four residences on Coral Street, and his own residence and office are at No. 455 West King Street. He contracted for the brick work at Point Deposit Academy and also in many other public buildings, his business not being confined to this county.

In 1863 Mr. Jeffries enlisted, becoming a member of Company II, of the Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry and was mustered in at Camp Cadwallader, Philadelphia. Thence he was sent to the front at Chattanooga and took part in the battle of Mission Ridge. In the spring of 1864 he was sent on the Atlanta campaign. He took part in the battles of Buzzard's Roost, Dallas, Resaca, Dalton and Kenesaw, and after the taking of Atlanta, went on to Richmond. After the war was over, he went to Washington, D. C., taking part in the Grand Review, one of the finest military pageants the world has ever seen. During his arduous service he escaped injury, but met with many narrow escapes, as bullets often passed through his clothes, and once his haversack was shot off. Though he had entered as a private, he was mustered out with the rank of Corporal.

In 1854 Mr. Jeffries was married in this city to Miss Caroline Collins, whose birth occurred here and who was called from this life in 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Jeffries had six children: Ann L., Mrs. Swope, of Lancaster; David, a bricklayer in this city; John, deceased; Catherine, Mrs. Kroseupe, of Lancaster; Emily, who died in infancy, and Milton, residing with his father. For two terms Mr. Jeffries was a member of the Common Council from the Fifth Ward, served on different committees, and was Street Commissioner for one and one-half terms. He is a Republican and a Grand Army man, being a member of George H. Thomas Post No. 84.

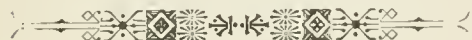


GOTLIEB YOUNG stands among the foremost business men, who have contributed so largely to the financial prosperity of this part of the county. Mr. Young is engaged in the real estate business in Columbia, and with true public spirit and characteristic liberality has aided every enterprise that would in any way advance the welfare of the community, promote the growth of the city or improve its condition.

Our subject was born in the Fatherland, April 9, 1835, and is the son of Daniel and Eva (Hielde) Young, also natives of Germany. The father was Tax Collector in his country for forty years, and took an active part in local affairs. Gotlieb, of this sketch, decided to come to America in 1855, and after landing here, located at once in Lancaster County, where he carried on the business of a brewer, and for over a quarter of a century operated the Columbia Brewery. In 1890 he retired from that business and commenced buying and dealing in real estate, owning much valuable property in the city and vicinity. He has in his possession twenty acres of land in Columbia, owns a one-third interest in the Five Point market house, the building occupied by the shirt factory at the same place, Five Point Tavern, besides forty-four

acres of valuable farming land in York County, this state, and seventeen houses and lots in Columbia. Mr. Young occupies a handsome brick residence which he erected upon retiring from the distilling business; there he and his family are surrounded with all the comforts which money can purchase.

Gotlieb Young is a stockholder and Director in the Columbia Wagon Company, and donated the ground on which the factory is located. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and is well respected by those who know him, and pointed out as a fine example of the self-made man. Mr. Young was married in 1856 to Miss Barbara Smith, who bore him several children, but who died young. Mrs. Young departed this life in 1873, and in 1874 our subject married for his second wife Clarissee Bitner, by whom he has become the father of the following six children: Caroline, Frank, Edward, Pauline, August and Minnie.



**A**MOS ZIGLER, President of the Monitor Steam Generator Manufacturing Company of Landisville, but at present a resident of Rowenna, is looked upon as one of the most prominent business men and leading citizens of that place. He was born on a farm near where he now resides, May 14, 1851, and is of Swiss ancestry, his great-grandfather having emigrated to this country before the Revolutionary War.

Conrad Zigler, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Lancaster County, and was a very prominent man in his day. He owned and superintended a large farm, and was proprietor of a large mill, which did a flourishing business at that time, besides attending to the duties of a local preacher. He was benevolent and kind, always ready to assist the poor and needy, and in many ways helped and encouraged the sick and the afflicted. He also took a deep interest in educational affairs, especially the public school system,

and served as School Director for a number of years. In politics he was first a Whig, and then a Republican. He was a man of good business ability, and was highly respected by all who knew him.

The father, John Zigler, was born on the old homestead in December, 1828. He was a farmer, and though closely devoted to his vocation, is now living retired in Elizabethtown. He is a Director in the First National Bank of Marietta, and takes a deep interest in educational and national affairs. He is a Republican in politics, and takes an active part in the councils of that party. He is a member of the Dunkard Church, a devoted Christian, and a liberal giver toward the support of the Gospel. He was married to Miss Barbara Hertzler, and to them were born three children; the eldest died in infancy, and Amos and Jacob H. still survive.

Amos was born and reared on the old homestead where his father and grandfather were born, spending his boyhood days much the same as other boys, attending the public schools and assisting his father on the farm. Later he entered the Millersville State Normal School, where he finished his education. After leaving school, he followed the occupation of farmer for fifteen years, becoming a successful and prosperous agriculturist. By his energy, honesty and good business management, Mr. Zigler made a success of farming, and was widely known and highly respected by young and old.

October 17, 1876, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Alice, a daughter of John and Martha Musser, of Rowenna. About three years ago he became President of the Monitor Steam Generator Company, located at Landisville. He is President of the Rowenna Shoe Manufacturing Company, and also of a number of smaller industries.

Mr. Zigler politically affiliates with the Republican party. He has been a delegate a number of times to the state conventions of his party, and has been solicited to become a candidate for the Legislature several times, but has always declined. He takes a deep interest however in civil and national affairs, always ready and willing to assist in every enterprise for the public welfare of the com-





JEREMIAH KOCH.



munity. Mr. Zigler and his excellent wife occupy a high social position in Rowenna and vicinity, and are numbered among the best citizens of the county.



**J**EREMIAH KOCH, a prominent architect of Columbia, has resided in this borough since 1875. He was born in Middleport, Schuylkill County, this state, October 27, 1845, and is the son of Daniel and Mary A. (Beck) Koch. His grandfather, Henry Koch, was a native of McKeanburg, Schuylkill County, in which place his father was also born. Henry Koch was a farmer and miller near his native place, and in the latter business became widely known. In politics he was a Republican and religiously was a member in good standing in the Lutheran Church. The father of our subject was also born in McKeanburg, the date thereof being December 26, 1816. He was a miller by trade, but later engaged in the dry goods and general store business in Middleport in 1844. He went west to Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska in 1856, in the early settlement of those states, and thus passed through the John Brown excitement. Mr. Koch remained in the western states fourteen months, and then returned to his native county. In 1857 he went to Bellevue, Neb., near what is now Omaha City, but which was then only a trading post.

Daniel Koch was an influential man in politics, and on his return to Schuylkill County, this state, was nominated as candidate for the State Legislature. He was elected in 1860, stumping the county with Anson Burlingame, Governor Curtin, George Francis Train and other prominent men. He was a very popular public speaker and a valued member of his party. He and his brothers, Hugh, Henry, Charles and William, all served in the Union army during the Rebellion. Socially he belonged to the Odd Fellows' and Masonic orders, in both of which societies he occupied a high place. In 1863,

during the late War of the Rebellion, the father and our subject, Jeremiah, enlisted in Company E, Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, and served with their regiment during Lee's invasion of Pennsylvania.

The parental family of our subject included eleven children, all of whom are living, with one exception. Harriet is the wife of B. F. Jacobs, a mechanical superintendent in the employ of the Penn-Coyd Iron Company at West Manayunk; Captain Frank D. is now Superintendent and Manager of the West Conshohocken Stone Quarrying Company, and served four years and three months in the Fifth and Forty-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry during the late Rebellion; Allen is a member of the firm of Fitzpatrick & Koch, a dry goods company of Omaha, and served three years and two months in the Forty-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry in the Rebellion; Jeremiah, of this sketch, was the next in order of birth; Albert died when six years of age; Sarah M. is the wife of Dr. Leutz, of Fleetwood, Berks County; Richard H. is a prominent attorney and member of the Schuylkill County Bar; Emanuel B. is a telegraph operator living at Troy, Kan.; Arrenius G., a traveling salesman, resides in Fleetwood; Ambrose E. is engaged in business in St. Louis, Mo., and Mary C., the wife of Oscar B. Mellott, resides in Fleetwood, Berks County, Pa. The mother of these children died after having attained her threescore years and ten, in 1887.

Jeremiah Koch obtained his education in the public schools, and when eighteen years of age began learning the carpenter's trade, which occupation he followed for twelve years. He then turned his attention to architecture and is to-day one of the most reliable architects in Columbia and has drawn plans for a great number of public buildings and private residences. Our subject is prominent in the political life of Columbia, and has been Chief Burgess of the borough for one year and Borough Auditor three years. He was elected to the responsible position of Burgess on the Republican ticket in 1889. He has also been Judge of Elections for four terms and in various other capacities has rendered his fellow-townsmen efficient service. He is connected with General Welsh

Post No. 118, G. A. R., in which he takes an active part.

Jeremiah Koch and Margaret C., daughter of Abner McMichael and Margaret Moore, of Marietta, Pa., were married October 22, 1873. The four children born of their union are: Zora M., Bertha S., Erna E. and Alline Marie, the latter of whom is deceased.



**C**HRISTIAN C. KAUFFMAN is a successful legal practitioner in Columbia, and to his efforts are due much of the prosperity and commercial importance of this place, for he has promoted many industries and has been instrumental in securing several large concerns for the city. Among these is the Ashley & Bailey Silk Mill, the largest plant of the kind in the state, and the Columbia Lace Company of Scotland. Mr. Kauffman was born April 7, 1857, in Columbia, and with the exception of a few years when he was away at school has resided in the place of his nativity.

The parents of our subject were Christian S. and Jane McClung (Strickler) Kauffman. The father of the former, Andrew I., was born in Manor Township and was a Mennonite preacher and farmer. In later years he removed to Mechanicsburg, Pa., where he lived retired until his death. He was a very active politician and was elected on the Republican ticket to the State Legislature, in which he served one term. He was very prominent in the community where his home was made and stood high in the estimation of his friends and acquaintances. Christian S. Kauffman, Sr., was one of twelve children and was born in the village of Washington, Manor Township. When quite young he left school and entered a store at Safe Harbor as an errand boy, subsequently being made clerk and a partner in the business. After fifteen years of merchandising in that place he purchased the Cordelia Furnace and for thirty-five years was a manufacturer of pig iron. During this time he assisted

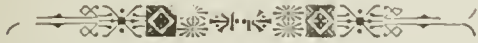
in building the Bond Brook Railroad for the Philadelphia & New York Railroad. He was the organizer of the Columbia Iron Company and is general manager of the place, a leading and successful industry of the state. Politically, he is a Republican and was a delegate to the convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln. For two terms he served as a member of the Legislature and was candidated for Congressman from Lancaster County and was a member of Governor Pollock's staff. After serving four years in the Senate he retired from active politics. In the Presbyterian Church he is one of the pillars and has held official positions. In the Masonic lodge of Columbia he is Past Master. His family comprises six children, namely: Clara Virginia, who became the wife of ex-Senator J. W. Lee, an attorney of Pittsburg; Jane McClung, wife of Samuel McCuen, a merchant of Oil City, Pa.; Christian C.; Hugh McClung, who died when eight years old; and Catherine and Olin, who died in infancy. The mother of this family departed this life in 1869.

Christian C. Kauffman, whose name heads this article, received his elementary school education in Columbia and then became enrolled as a student in Shoemaker's Academy at Chambersburg, Pa. Afterwards he graduated from the scientific department in Willistown Seminary of East Hampton, Mass. He read law, and after being admitted to the Bar immediately opened an office in Columbia. He has succeeded very well in his chosen profession, is manager of the East Columbia Land Company, is Solicitor for the borough of Columbia and School District Director and sales agent for the Columbia Iron Company. In everything pertaining to public improvements and the advancement of this community he has borne an interested part.

In the Republican party Mr. Kauffman is a local leader and is the present State Senator from the Fourteenth District. He is a charter member of the Young Men's Republican Club. In 1888 he was elected to the Lower House of the Legislature and was re-elected to the same position in 1890.

In 1885 Mr. Kauffman married Miss Margaret R., daughter of Hiram Wilson, a merchant of Columbia. Their union has been blessed with three children, Helen Jean, James Lee and Elizabeth Wilson.

The parents belong to the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Vigilant Volunteer Fire Company of Columbia and is always ready to assist in worthy movements for the general good.



**G**EORGE W. KINARD, M. D., is one of the most successful physicians of Meehamesburg, where he has been engaged in practice since 1887. Our subject is the son of George and Julia (Ruby) Kinard, and was born in Upper Windsor Township, York County, this state, February 24, 1861.

Henry Kinard, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of the above county, and followed farming his entire life in Lower Windsor Township. He was a member of the Methodist Church, to which he gave his loyal support. He became the father of six children, Simon, Henry, Wilham, George, John and Eliza. The grandfather lived to be eighty-four years of age, and departed this life in 1868.

George Kinard, the father of our subject, was born in 1823, in Lower Windsor Township, York County, and was given the advantages for obtaining a fair education in the district school. He chose farming for his life work, and was so successful in all his undertakings that he is now living retired from work of any kind in Lyon, York County. He is an active worker in the Methodist Church, and in politics always votes the Republican ticket.

The parents were married in 1851. Mrs. Kinard's father was a substantial farmer of York County. To Mr. and Mrs. George Kinard, Sr., there were born four sons and four daughters, bearing the respective names of William H., a farmer in York County; Matilda, the wife of Joseph Lloyd; George W., of this sketch; Franklin, a cigar manufacturer, of Upper Windsor Township; Eliza, now Mrs. Morris Bicking; Henrietta, the wife of Scott S. Frey; Moses A., also engaged in the manufacture of ci-

gars in York County, and Agnes, who is a student in the Millersville State Normal. The mother of this family is still living, and resides in Windsor Township, York County.

George W. Kinard, of this sketch, remained at home, carrying on his studies in the common school until attaining his eighteenth year, when he entered the Millersville State Normal, from which he was graduated with the Class of '81. He then taught school for three years in York County, and after coming to Lancaster County occupied the position of teacher in the high school in Millersville for a period of four years, during which time he gave entire satisfaction, and ranked high as an educator.

While teaching school our subject carried on his medical studies with Dr. Reeder, and in 1885 entered the Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated two years later with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He at once located in this place, where he has built up a large and extended practice, and has won the regard of the general public. Politically he is a Republican, and in 1893 was elected to the School Board in his district.

March 29, 1888, Dr. Kinard and Miss Clara E., daughter of John Lenhardt, were united in marriage, and to them have been granted a son and daughter, George Harold and Grace Catherine. An earnest and energetic citizen, thoroughly devoted to the duties of his profession, the Doctor takes an active interest in the local progress and leading movements of his home neighborhood.



**D**ANIEL ALBRIGHT. Among the prominent business men and enterprising citizens of Rowenna may be mentioned the name of the present worthy Postmaster and subject of this sketch, Daniel Albright. He is a native of Lancaster County and was born October 3, 1845, near Maytown. His parents, Joseph and Sarah (Brose) Albright, are natives of the same

place. The father was of German descent and was born in Maytown, January 1, 1817. The mother was born in 1815, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Joseph Albright was a miller for a number of years, but finally settled down to farming, making that his life-long study. He was a man of good business ability, economical and saving, and was specially temperate in all things. By this means he was enabled to lay by enough of this world's goods to live comfortably the remainder of his days.

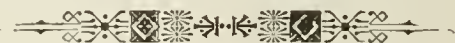
When the Civil War broke out he was one of the first to offer his services to "Uncle Sam." He enlisted in Company B, Two Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and for one year bravely defended his country. After the close of the war he returned to his home and took up the old routine of a farmer's life. In politics he is a Democrat and is well posted in the issues of the day. Joseph Albright and Sarah Brose were married about 1840, and of the nine children that were born to them, only three survive: Daniel, John, and Emma, now Mrs. Benjamin Gipple, of Lancaster.

Daniel Albright, the subject of this sketch, was reared on a farm and received his early education in the public schools of his native place. When not in school he assisted his father, and early learned the milling trade, in which occupation he is still engaged, being the proprietor of Shock's mill at Rowenna. In addition to his other business our subject is ticket, express and freight agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Rowenna, and for eleven years has occupied the responsible position of Postmaster of the village. He is also a stockholder and Treasurer of the Rowenna Shoe Manufacturing Company, the capacity of which is five hundred pairs a day, with a capital stock of \$25,000.

When the dark hours of rebellion hovered over our country, and the dear old flag, the beautiful Stars and Stripes, was in danger of being torn down and trampled under foot, Mr. Albright came nobly to the front, and with the many thousands of brave boys who left their homes and friends, joined the grand army to fight for his country's flag and freedom's cause. He enlisted in the same regiment and company with his father, and side

by side they took part in many a hard-fought battle and endured the hardships and privations of a soldier's life. They were both spared to return to their home and friends and to enjoy a long and prosperous life beneath the same old flag they so nobly helped to defend.

January 12, 1869, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Eliza, a daughter of Joseph and Esther Sauder. Five children blessed this union: Emma, who is deceased; Ella, Sadie, Mary and Iva Belle. In politics he is a Prohibitionist, and is a worker in the noble cause of temperance. He, with his excellent family, occupies a high social position, and they are numbered among the best citizens of Rowenna and vicinity.



**J**OSEPH K. HALL, junior member of the firm of Stoner & Hall, is engaged in the hardware business in Columbia. He is the son of Henry L. and Anna (Kuhns) Hall and was born October 13, 1845, at Landisville, Pa. His paternal grandfather, Henry Hall, or as the name was originally spelled, "Hull," was the owner of several merchant vessels and was a man of good financial standing. He came to the United States when twenty years of age and made his home in Pennsylvania, where he departed this life about thirty-five years ago. The father of our subject was the eldest of the parental family of five children, his brothers and sisters being Joseph, John Jacob, Emanuel and Anna. He was born in Manor Township, Lancaster County, on a farm and is still living, making his home in West Hempfield Township on a good estate near Ironville. In politics he is a staunch Democrat and a member in good standing of the Reformed Church. He was married twice, and by his first wife, Miss Susan Shultz, became the father of three children: Mary, Barbara and Aaron. His union with Miss Kuhns resulted in the birth of nine children, named respectively: Henry, Frank, Benjamin, Mary, Joseph K., Susan, Anna, Noah and Phares.

The original of this sketch received his educa-

tion in the district schools of Manor Township, carrying on his studies until nineteen years of age. After that he was employed for about twelve years with many of the business firms of Columbia, and in May, 1890, entered into partnership with C. D. Stoner, the firm name being Stoner & Hall. They have a fine establishment, three stories in height and 40x160 feet in dimensions; they do an annual business amounting to \$30,000. He is well known in business and social circles in the city, where for so many years he has made his home, and in politics is a staunch Republican. He is a member of Eppasop Lodge, No. 213, at Columbia. Religiously he belongs to the Reformed Church, with which he has been connected as one of its most active members for a period of ten years.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Mary, daughter of John Felger, was celebrated January 20, 1877. To them have been born the following named four children: Nora, Blanch, Joseph and John. They are all being well educated and fitted to occupy useful and honorable positions in life.



**J**OHAN H. MYERS. Lancaster County is the home of quite a number of men who were thrown upon their own resources at an early age, and whose natural aptness and energy were strengthened by contact with the world, resulting in making their lives more than ordinarily successful in worldly prosperity and in winning respect. Among this number is John H. Myers, of Bainbridge, who has won an honorable record as a state official and as a private citizen. He is at present holding the position of Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, to which office he was elected in 1893.

Mr. Myers is the son of John and Catherine (Houck) Myers, and was born in Bainbridge, December 27, 1858. His father, who is a native of York County, this state, makes his home in this place, among whose merchants he occupies a promi-

nent place. He is the father of eight children, of whom Melissa is the wife of Hon. W. S. Smith, ex-Senator from Lancaster County, whose sketch will appear on another page in this work. Maggie married Louis Uhland; Viola is the wife of S. B. Trimble; John H., of this sketch, was the next in order of birth; Kate married R. A. Hammond; Emma was married to George Embick; Carrie died at the age of three years, and Grace A., the youngest, became Mrs. Omer Bachman.

The original of this sketch attended school in his native place until a lad of fourteen years, when he went to Marietta and began clerking in a store. He remained there but a short time, however, when he returned home and commenced clerking in a store in this place. Several years thereafter, he entered the establishment of Senator Smith, his brother-in-law, remaining in his employ for four years. His next occupation was as traveling salesman for J. C. Yost & Co., of Philadelphia, in whose interests he worked for twelve months. He then embarked in the bottling business at Bainbridge, under the firm name of Doyle & Myers. The senior member withdrew in 1880, since which time our subject has carried on the enterprise alone. He has an extensive trade, running three wagons and shipping to points in York, Dauphin and Lancaster Counties, also to Philadelphia.

In 1891 Mr. Myers was elected Transcribing Clerk in the Senate at Harrisburg, and in 1893 was appointed Sergeant at Arms. He is a Director in the Elizabethtown National Bank, established in that place, which institution he aided in organizing, and is also Director in the Bainbridge Cemetery Company. He is the possessor of a fine farm of ninety-two acres, located one mile from the city, to whose operation he gives his personal supervision.

Socially, Mr. Myers belongs to Bainbridge Council No. 231, A. O. U. W.; Bainbridge Lodge No. 627, I. O. O. F.; Ashara Lodge No. 398, F. & A. M., and Corinthian Chapter No. 224 and Cyrene Commandery No. 34, at Columbia. He is very active in these respective orders and has filled many of the chairs in the same.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Jennie, daughter of Bernard Doyle, was celebrated Febru-

ary 9, 1879. Their union has been blessed by the birth of two children: Bernard Joy and Nellie J., the latter of whom died in 1890, at the age of four years. Mr. Myers is a thorough business man, and being a genial, affable gentleman, is very popular throughout the entire county.



**J**ACOB HALBACH. Among the popular and well-to-do citizens of Lancaster is this gentleman, whose birth occurred within its limits in 1838, and whose life from boyhood has been passed almost uninterruptedly in this place. At the present time he is Alderman from the Second Ward, and is Secretary of the City Board of Health. A very active Republican, he is highly esteemed by the other workers in the party, and for a year, in 1883, was Chairman of the City Committee, in addition to which he has served on the Executive Committee. During the late War of the Rebellion he shouldered the rifle and went forth to do valiant service in the defense of the Union. Under President Grant's administration he was Clerk in the Postoffice in Lancaster, and for thirteen years was Superintendent of the City Water Works.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was John P. Halbach, a native of Germany, who left the Fatherland and located in Lancaster on coming to the New World, and in time was the owner of considerable property. His son, Gottlieb, the father of our subject, was brought by his parents to the United States when only two years old. His birth occurred in Remshlid, Germany, and on attaining suitable years he was set to work at learning the shoemaker's trade. For years thereafter, he operated a successful business as a boot and shoe man in Lancaster, where his death occurred when he had reached the age of fifty-two years. Religiously he was a member of the German Reformed Church. On choosing his helpmate for life, he married Miss Mary Wilhelm, who was born in Lancaster, being

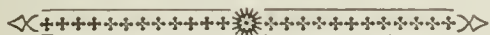
the daughter of one of its pioneers and respected citizens, John Wilhelm. Seven children resulted from this marriage, and of that number two sons and two daughters are now living. William A. enlisted in Company C, Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Regiment, and was killed in the first battle of Perryville, during the War of the Rebellion. The devoted wife and mother departed this life in Lancaster about 1851, leaving many warm friends to mourn her loss.

Jacob Halbach is next to the youngest child in his parents' family and spent his boyhood in attendance on the public schools of Lancaster. When his mother died, which event occurred when he was only thirteen years of age, he was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith's trade in the Lancaster Locomotive Works. When they closed he went to Philadelphia and for a year worked for I. P. Morris & Co. Subsequently he was employed at other points and then returned to work in the Lancaster Locomotive Works, where he was at the time of the breaking out of the war. In 1862 he enlisted as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Regiment, in the nine months' service, and was at once sent to the south. After participating in important battles at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, as well as in engagements of minor consequence, he was mustered out, and in the year 1864 re-enlisted, being assigned to Company C, One Hundred and Ninety-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, as First Sergeant. Being sent to Roek Island, Ill., he was placed on guard duty until November of the same year, when he was finally mustered out of service.

Subsequently Mr. Halbach continued at his trade in the locomotive works of Lancaster, and also turned his attention to various other enterprises for several years. For two years he was Clerk of the Postoffice and afterwards was Superintendent of the water works, during which time the new pumping station was erected. In 1888 he was elected on the Republican ticket as Alderman and was re-elected in the spring of 1893. His business office is at the corner of Grant and North Duke Streets, while his residence is situated at No. 111 North Plum Street.

In 1865 in this city occurred the union of Mr.

Halbach and Emma J. St. Clair, a native of this county, as was also her father, John St. Clair. To our worthy subject and his wife were born the following children: Harry L., a tinsmith by trade; Charles, who is a machinist; Jay Howard, a plumber, and Frank Perry and Clarence, who are at school. Fraternaly Mr. Halbach belongs to Lodge No. 476, F. & A. M., and is a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar. He also belongs to George H. Thomas Post No. 84, G. A. R. As a member of the Board of Health, all records of contagious and other diseases, as well as births and deaths in the city, are recorded at his office and he keeps charge of the records. In religion he is a member of the Reformed Church, and active in its welfare. Being pleasant and genial in his manners he is personally very well liked by all.



**A** BRAHAM H. SHENCK, proprietor of the Union Roller Mills near Salunga, succeeded his father in this business in 1873 and has since conducted it efficiently and in such a manner as to secure fair pecuniary returns. In 1891 the mills were improved by the introduction of a full set of improved machinery, and the annual sales now amount to \$20,000. The products are of a superior quality and their reputation among buyers is such that they always find a ready market.

Mr. Shenck has been a lifelong resident of Lancaster County. He was born in Rapho Township, this county, March 4, 1845, the eldest child of Henry and Mary (Heistand) Shenck. His paternal grandfather, Jonathan Shenck, was a very prosperous miller, distiller and farmer of this section, and being a shrewd business man met with success in his enterprises. The products of his farm, mill and distillery were hauled with teams to Philadelphia and Baltimore, where they were disposed of at fair prices. At his death his son John succeeded to the business and carried it on until 1844, when Henry Shenck bought the property and plants.

Grandfather Shenck married Miss Barbara Herr, sister of the late "King" Christian Herr. She died

in 1863, at the age of eighty-five years. Their children, three in number, were John, deceased; Fannie, the deceased wife of Joseph Hougendobler, who is engaged in the nursery business in Mt. Joy, Lancaster County; and Henry, our subject's father. The last named was born in Rapho Township, January 18, 1819, and received his education in the Lititz Academy, conducted by Prof. John Becks. After completing his studies he clerked for a year in a store at Mt. Joy, and was similarly engaged in Philadelphia for the same length of time. On returning to Rapho Township he engaged in farming until 1843, when he succeeded his brother John in the milling business. This he carried on in addition to superintending the management of his farm until 1873, when he retired from business, and taking up his residence in Salunga has since made that place his home. He still owns the farm in Rapho Township, which comprises one hundred and twenty acres. For a number of years he was a large stockholder and Director in the Lancaster County Bank and was interested in various other important enterprises in the city. In politics he is a Republican and for several years served as a member of the School Board.

In 1843 Henry Shenck married a daughter of Andrew Heistand, a prominent and well-to-do farmer living near Marietta, this state. They became the parents of two sons and one daughter, namely: Abraham H., the eldest born; Barbara, wife of Jacob Weis, of Lebanon, Pa., and Henry Franklin, who died in Chama, N. Mex., February 26, 1882. The wife and mother passed away February 14, 1894, greatly mourned, not alone by her family, but also by all by whom she was known. She was a true Christian in every sense of the word, and was devoted to the welfare of her husband and children.

With the exception of the time spent in school, the subject of this article remained on the home farm until attaining mature years. He first attended the common schools, afterward was a student in the Lititz Academy, and completed his studies in the Millersville State Normal. During the Civil War he enlisted for service, but on account of his youth his father objected. On returning home from school he remained a short time, then

enlisted as an emergency man, going as far as Chambersburg with the troops. Later he became a member of Company D, Fiftieth Pennsylvania Infantry and remained with his regiment until honorably discharged at the close of the Rebellion.

On returning home from the army Mr. Shenck rented the old home farm, the cultivation of which he has since superintended in connection with his milling enterprise. By industrious and well directed efforts he has acquired a competence and is recognized as one of the leading business men of the township of East Hempfield. February 22, 1869, he married Miss Ellen, daughter of Henry S. Hostetter, a farmer of Manheim Township. The two sons and three daughters born to them are: Harry, a clerk in Philadelphia; Frank, a student in the schools of Bethlehem; and Edith, Mary and Ruth, who are with their parents. In social affairs Mr. Shenck belongs to Lancaster Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., also the Commandery and Prefect Lodge. He is an ardent Republican in his political belief and has served for three terms on the School Board.



**W**ILLIAM J. SMITH, late Superintendent of the Lancaster City Water Works, acquitted himself in that position to the entire satisfaction of those concerned and has won the approval of his fellow-citizens in a high degree. He is a practical machinist and plumber and at the same time completed a set of books in connection with the water department, which are models in detail and the best report ever gotten up by any one here in this position. He inaugurated many reforms and systematized the various branches of work in a very ingenious style. During the last year, ending in April, 1894, the income of the water department showed an increase

over the preceding year of \$15,867.06, and thus it will be readily seen how exactly and mathematically accurate are his reports and how good has been his supervision.

Mr. Smith was born in Strasburg Township, August 1, 1851, on the old Strasburg Pike. His paternal grandfather, John Smith, of English descent, was one of the early settlers on the Conestoga Creek and operated a farm in Lampeter Township.

Our subject's father, John R., was also born in Lancaster County and was a railroad and road contractor, and after a long and busy life died in 1891. He contracted for and built four miles of the Lititz Pike, and also did much other work on streets and railroads in the county and state. His home was on Chester Street in Lancaster and he was elected at one time as an Alderman from the Seventh Ward, being the first Republican elected from that locality, but he handed in his resignation at the end of two years. He was a valiant soldier of the late civil conflict, having enlisted in the spring of 1861 in Company E, Fifty-third Pennsylvania Infantry, which was assigned to the Second Army Corps. From the ranks he was promoted to be First Sergeant, and during the last year of his service was in command of a company as Captain, although never commissioned. While participating in an engagement he was shot through the knee and his leg had to be amputated. In addition to this he had also received previously a number of more or less serious injuries and for the remainder of his life was obliged to wear an artificial leg. He was a member of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Association, of the Union Veteran Legion and of George H. Thomas Post No. 84, G. A. R. In religious belief he was a Lutheran, to which denomination his wife also belonged. Her maiden name was Julia Burns, and her birth occurred in this city. Her father, Christopher Burns, was also a native of this locality and followed agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Smith died March 29, 1882, and three of her six children are still living. Their marriage occurred in 1850.

The education of William J. Smith was obtained in the city public schools and he was apprenticed under Dener & Schaun in 1867. With that firm he remained for four years and ten months, and in







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1871 went to Philadelphia, where he was made foreman for Thomas Burns in his shop at Tenth and South Streets, holding that post for a year, when he took charge of another shop on Columbia Avenue and Elder Street for Thomas Fleming. February 10, 1873, Mr. Smith returned to this city and started in business as a member of the firm of A. J. Cogley & Smith, plumbers, gas fitters, tinware and stove merchants. Mr. Cogley took charge of the last mentioned branch, while our subject devoted his attention to plumbing and gas fitting. Until 1888 their headquarters were located at No. 236 North Queen Street, and at that time Mr. Smith bought out his partner's interest and located at 219½ North Queen Street, where he follows plumbing and gas fitting exclusively. He has an excellent trade and has been given the largest plumbing and steam and gas fitting contracts in the city, keeping upwards of fifteen men constantly busy.

Mr. Smith has also taken contracts for laying water pipes for a number of years, and owing to his experience it seemed that he was the man for the position of Superintendent of the City Water Works, to which place he was elected April 3, 1893, by the City Council. The water works have a capacity of twenty million cubic feet, the three pumps having a capacity respectively of ten million, six million and four million cubic feet per twenty-four hours. Mr. Smith was one of the Directors of the People's Building and Loan Association for seven years, and administered his father's estate.

In 1873 occurred the marriage of our subject and Miss Emma Keller, by whom he has had three children, Bertha, John R. and Mary E. Mrs. Smith was born in Lancaster, being a daughter of Jacob Keller, whose death occurred in this place. The home of the Smith family is a pleasant one located at No. 124 Chester Street, and they also own the adjoining residence. For about eight years Mr. Smith has been a prominent member and Trustee in the Lancaster Schutzen Verein or Sharp Shooters. Socially he belongs to Conestoga Lodge No. 22, Jr. O. U. A. M. and is Past Counselor of Lodge No. 8, Sr. O. U. A. M. With the Order of Red Men he is a Past Officer and several times represented his lodge in the Grand Council. More-

over he is a Knight of Pythias, belonging to Lancaster Lodge No. 68. In politics he is a Republican in the truest sense of the term. Mrs. Smith holds membership with Zion's Lutheran Church, while her husband belongs to the Trinity Lutheran Congregation.



**J**ACOB HILDEBRAND, a prosperous resident of Strasburg, was elected to the position of Justice of the Peace thirty-four years ago and has held the same position ever since. He represents a number of reliable insurance companies and has a lucrative business in this place. At different times he has been elected on the Republican ticket to local positions of honor and trust. He was County Surveyor for three and a-half years and has frequently been Chief Burgess of this borough.

Jacob Hildebrand, our subject's father, was a farmer of Lancaster County and at the time of the birth of Jacob, Jr., owned a place in East Hempfield Township. During the last years of his life he gave up agricultural pursuits to an extent and followed the butchering business. He participated as a soldier in the War of 1812 and was a lifelong Democrat. He married Miss Mary Heiny and their union was blessed with nine children: John, deceased; Jacob, Jr.; Elizabeth (Mrs. Wiker); Henry D.; James; Susan, who became the wife of Dr. Kendig; Hoover H.; Luoisia (Mrs. Eager); and Ella, who became the wife of Samuel Kendig.

In the year 1822 occurred the birth of Jacob Hildebrand, our subject, in East Hempfield Township, Lancaster County. His education was obtained in the public schools of Paradise, which he attended more or less until fourteen years of age. He was thrown upon his own resources at the early age of eight years and learned the carpenter's trade and cabinet-making, which he followed until 1852. For the four succeeding years he was engaged in the mercantile business and next turned his attention to surveying and conveyancing.

After eight years thus spent he was elected Justice of the Peace and during the long time that has since elapsed has been thus employed.

Fraternally Mr. Hildebrand is a member of Strasburg Lodge No. 361, I. O. O. F., and has passed through all the chairs. He has represented his own lodge in the Grand Lodge a number of years and has been Secretary of the same for over four decades. One of the strong workers and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of this place, he has served in the capacity of Trustee and Steward since 1862.

November 16, 1847, Mr. Hildebrand was married in Strasburg to Miss Elizabeth Speihman. The lady was born in Strasburg and received a good education. By her marriage she has become the mother of ten children, four sons and six daughters, namely: Elizabeth, who married Finly Elliott; Mary E.; William W.; Millard F.; Ella S. (Mrs. Daugherty); John R.; Ollie; Laura K. (Mrs. Kemery); Sallie B. (Mrs. Goodman), and J. Ross.



**J**ACOB C. STONER is engaged in general farming pursuits in West Hempfield Township. He is the son of Christian and Martha (Wertz) Stoner, and was born July 26, 1832, in Manor Township, the above county. The father of our subject was also a native of that township, where he farmed for a time, and later was the proprietor of the Green Tree Hotel, on the Washington and Millersville Road in Manor Township, where he spent his entire life. In politics he was a supporter of Republican principles after the organization of the party.

The parental family of our subject included eight children, of whom Jacob C. was the youngest born. The husband and father departed this life in 1835, at the age of thirty-nine years, while his good wife survived him until 1864, when she also passed away, in the eighty-third year of her age.

The original of this sketch acquired a good edu-

cation in the schools near his home and remained under the parental roof until a year prior to attaining his majority, when he started out to battle life on his own account, first engaging in buying and selling cattle, and was thus occupied for the four years following. On the expiration of that time he began dealing in lumber and at the same time superintended the operations of a farm in Manor Township. He filled large contracts in lumber, and later owned a yard in Columbia, and was also interested in a steam sawmill at Washington Borough. He gave employment to about fifty men in this enterprise and conducted a very profitable trade until 1874, when he disposed of his interests in that line.

In the spring of 1877 Mr. Stoner purchased another tract of land which he worked hard to place under good improvement. This consisted of a quarter-section, and here he devoted his time to general farming pursuits. Later he began operating stone quarries in the neighborhood, and selling his home place to the East Columbia Land Company, he is now operating the farm for the land company.

In politics our subject is a true blue Republican and socially is a Mason, belonging to Commandery No. 34. He was married March 2, 1858, to Miss Emma M., daughter of Benjamin T. Davis, of West Hempfield Township. Their three children bear the respective names of Jessie F., Elsie D. and Clarence D. The first named is the wife of Charles I. Marshall, a banker of Everett, Washington State. The wife and mother departed this life August 11, 1891. She was a most estimable lady, and her death was greatly lamented by many relatives and friends.



**S**AMUEL L. WEAVER, one of the reliable business men and citizens of Ephrata, has for the past eleven years been engaged in the hardware business. The building which he occupies is 20x55 feet in dimensions and two stories in height and he keeps a full line of goods usually found in well equipped hardware stores. He comes

from one of the respected old families of Earl Township, of this county, and his paternal grandfather, Samuel, who was a shoemaker by trade, carried on an extensive farm in that vicinity. Politically he was a Whig, and was a member of the Mennonite Church. His father was a native of Germany, and came to the United States before the Revolutionary War. By his marriage to a Miss Eby, Samuel Weaver had the following children: Moses, Abram, Mary, Esther, Nancy, Elizabeth, and Samuel E. He died when he had attained the ripe old age of seventy years.

Our subject's father, Samuel E., was born in Earl Township, and followed farming as a means of obtaining his livelihood. He married Elizabeth Landis, who bore him five children: Mary A., Eli, Benjamin, John, and Samuel L., only two of whom are living. The father died in 1865, aged forty-nine years, but his wife is still surviving. He was first a Whig and later a Republican, and like his father held membership with the Mennonite Church.

The birth of Samuel L. Weaver occurred December 11, 1851, in Earl Township, and in the schools of that locality he received his education. He remained on the old homestead until he was married, when he embarked in the milling business in West Lampeter Township, and operated the Landis Mills for the next four years. Afterwards he followed farming for five years in Ephrata Township, on the property of his father-in-law, after which for a like period of time he conducted a farm of his own. In January, 1884, he started in the hardware business as a member of the firm of Messner, Getz & Weaver, and in 1892 succeeded to the whole business.

In November, 1874, Mr. Weaver married Rebecca Mohler, daughter of John L. Mohler, of Ephrata Township. She became the mother of three children: Horace Walter, Ella Elizabeth, and John Barton. April 15, 1887, she was summoned by death from her home, being then only thirty-three years of age. Mr. Weaver owns a farm in Ephrata Township in addition to his business, and has been very successful in his financial undertakings. For six years he has been a Director of the Penn Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Politically

he uses his ballot in favor of the Republican party, and fraternally is a member of Ephrata Lodge No. 406, I. O. O. F., and of Manheim Lodge No. 587, F. & A. M.



**T**HE FRY FAMILY. As this is one of the most influential and popular families of Lancaster, as well as one of the first represented in Pennsylvania, some account of the genealogy will be of interest to our readers. The founder of the family in America was Henry Fry, a native of Altheim, Alsace, who crossed the Atlantic and settled in Pennsylvania before the advent of William Penn. The "Halliche Nachrichten," published in this state as early as 1744, states that Henry Fry with several associates came to Pennsylvania and settled here before the time of Penn, probably between 1675 and 1680. He was accompanied by Wigert Levering, Jacob Reef and a third party whose name is unknown.

The friends settled as "squatters" on a broad huckleberry plain between what is now Germantown and Roxborough. As the climate was delightful, and fish and game were abundant, they enjoyed their novel life in America. After a time Reef returned and was married, bringing with him to America his young wife, also the family of Mr. Levering. Henry Fry remained a bachelor until one of Mr. Levering's daughters became a young lady, when they were married, April 26, 1692. Their wedding was solemnized in the old log meeting house that had been constructed by the original settlers of that district.

Nine children were born of this union, of whom it is known positively that six attained mature years. Jacob remained at home and took care of his aged father, but his two brothers removed to the older state of Virginia and settled there. There were three daughters, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Amelia. Near the site of the present city of Roxborough, now a part of Philadelphia, the father acquired large landed possessions, including a tract of twelve

hundred and fifty acres of partly improved land. Dotted here and there upon the sunny slope of the mountain, and beside the river banks, were the wigwams of the Indians, and in one of their villages lived a celebrated Indian chief. Amid these primeval surroundings Henry Fry continued to reside until his death; his body was buried in a private burial ground near the old home. As above stated he had six children who attained maturity, namely: Jacob, John and William; Elizabeth, who married Dr. John Miller, of Frederick; Amelia, wife of Frederick Leinbach; and Rebecca. The other children died when young.

As time passed by, the descendants of the original pioneer gradually moved up the Schuylkill Valley to Wilkes Barre. One of their number, Martin, came from Berks County, and settled in Lancaster County before the War of the Revolution, establishing his home in Cocalico Township. He was born in 1726, and died in 1806. Twice married, his first wife, Hannah, bore him two children, namely: John Martin Fry, Jr., who was born in 1754 and died in 1832; and Mrs. Margaret Frankhouser. By his second wife, who was a Miss Beek, he had the following named children: Susanna; Mrs. Regnia Kegerise; Mrs. Eve Rote; Elizabeth, who married George Radel, and went to Canada; Catherine, Mrs. Adam Hoe; Mrs. Mary Furnsler; Mrs. Dorothy Heft, and Mrs. Catherine Breidenstein.

John Martin Fry, Jr., married Catherine Kapp, of Lebanon County, and they became the parents of six children, namely: Martin; John, who married Christiana Long; Peter; Jacob, who married Sarah Garman; Mary, who married J. Bricker; and Margaret, who became the wife of Jacob Bentz, of Clay Township. In 1784 John Martin moved to what is now Fry's Mill in Ephrata Township, and here he engaged in the milling business, operating a mill which is still in the possession of the family. He died at the home place, and is buried at the Berg Strasse Church.

Peter Fry married Sarah Hauck, and in 1805 settled in the vicinity of Shippensburg, Pa., but in 1821 returned to Lancaster County, where he died three years later. His children were Mary, who married Dr. Senseman; Curtis; Jacob, who married

Eliza Herb, followed the trade of a blacksmith in Clay Township, and accumulated a large estate; Daniel; Eliza, wife of L. Bricker; Samuel; George and Isaac, who died without leaving families; and Peter, who died in 1882, leaving three daughters and four sons, Peter, David A., Aaron A. and John A., the latter Postmaster at Ephrata. Jacob, at his death, left six children, namely: Abram, Adam, Hiram, Mary; Emeline, Mrs. J. B. Kleine, deceased; and Annie, Mrs. Frank Bort, of Reading. Daniel, who was a tanner by trade, was long a resident of Hahnstown, Pa., and died in 1861; his widow, whose maiden name was Sarah Merkle, lives in Denver. Their children were Urias M., of Akron; Daniel, who died in Lancaster County, leaving one child; Henry M., of Reading, Pa.; Sabina, Mrs. A. J. Ream, of Denver; and Sarah, wife of George R. Sensenig, of Lancaster; Samuel, who died near Manheim in 1860, left two children, Frank, whose home is in Steelton, Pa., and Susan, wife of Samuel Weaver, of Camden, N. J.

Curtis Fry, above named, was born in 1808, and was a farmer by occupation, his home being in Ephrata Township. When fourteen and one-half years of age he drove a six horse team to Pittsburg. In 1832 he married Miss Catherine Shaeffer, and at his death, in 1874, left seven children. Martin S., the eldest, is Clerk of Quarter Sessions; William H., a resident of Winona, Minn., has been in the United States Railroad Postal service since 1872; Isaac N., of South Dakota, was in the army for four years and three months during the Civil War, serving as Sergeant of Marines; by special act of Congress he was presented with a medal of honor for gallantry on the war ship "Ticonderoga;" S. Lem also resides in South Dakota; Elizabeth, wife of John R. Shirk, lives in South Bend, Ind.; Sarah A. married Jacob W. Landis, of Ephrata; Emma is the wife of J. Y. Weidman.

Martin S., the eldest, was reared under the parental roof, and in boyhood attended the common schools of this locality. For a short period he was a student in the Morristown Academy. In 1858 he married Miss Catherine Miller, and they have had seven children, namely: Horace M., A. Lincoln, S. Curtis, M. Ellwood, John M., E. May and M. Alice. From 1858 until 1885 he was engaged

in agricultural pursuits, and meantime served as United States store-keeper and gager, to which position he was appointed in 1876. In 1882 he became Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, and three years later accepted the position of judgment and mortgage clerk for the County Commissioners. In 1893 he was elected Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions for Lancaster County, which position he now holds, residing in the borough of Ephrata.

Socially Martin S. Fry affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in religious belief he is a Lutheran. In the Republican party he is a local leader, and has been its representative in various county and state conventions during the greater portion of his term. Since 1860 he has been a member of the Board of County Committeemen of the Republican party. In various other offices of trust he has rendered faithful and efficient service, and is justly popular among his fellow-citizens.



**I**SAAC B. GROFF, one of the rising business men of Fertility, where he is engaged in the milling business, combines independence and self reliance with energy, and with these qualities is bound to make a success of whatever he undertakes. He was born in Lancaster Township, this county, February 8, 1886, and is the son of Isaac W. and Catherine (Brenneman) Groff.

The Groff family is of Swiss origin, and an old and reliable one in this county. Benjamin Groff, the grandfather of our subject, was also a native of this county, where he was engaged in farming, owning a tract of ninety acres which he cultivated with good success. He was a Whig in politics and was recognized by all as a first-class citizen. He married a Miss Buckwalter, and by her became the father of three daughters and four sons, Mary, Anna, Mary, Benjamin, Isaac, Henry and Abraham. The grandfather died about 1840, aged sixty years,

and his good wife followed him to the better land in 1874, when in the seventieth year of her age.

Isaac W. Groff, the father of our subject, was also born in Lancaster Township, the date thereof being October 19, 1829. He was given as good an education as could be obtained in the vicinity of his home, and was trained to farm pursuits, which vocation he followed until 1870. He was successful in his work and accumulated a handsome fortune, owning a good estate of two hundred acres, which he sold in the above year, and soon thereafter purchased the Normal Roller Mills at Millersville, this county. These he conducted successfully for twenty years, when he retired from business and is now living in the enjoyment of all the comforts of life. He is a member of the Mennonite Church, which he has served in the capacity of Deacon.

When twenty-three years of age the father of our subject was married to Miss Catherine, the daughter of Mr. Brenneman, a farmer living near Safe Harbor. Their union has been blessed by the birth of eight children, of whom Sarah, the eldest, died in infancy, as did also Brenneman. Ida is the wife of Benjamin Herr; Willis married Lizzie Strickler; Alice is at home; Benjamin married Anna Lintner; Isaac B. was the next in order of birth and Lillie married Abraham Mann. The wife and mother departed this life in 1868, aged thirty-seven years. She was also a devoted member of the Mennonite Church. In 1877 Isaac W. Groff was married to Miss Susan Trout.

The original of this sketch was educated in the common schools and the Millersville State Normal. Completing his school life at the age of fifteen, he entered his father's mill, in which he remained until coming to Fertility in 1891. That year he purchased the mills at this place, his building being 40x60 feet in dimensions, with a capacity of fifty barrels of flour per day. He does both merchant and custom work, and manufactures several brands of flour, his specialty, however, being "Althea." Besides the mill property, Mr. Groff owns a thirty-acre tract of land, to the cultivation of which he gives his personal attention.

February 28, 1889, our subject married Lizzie, daughter of Jacob Miller, a general merchant of

New Danville, this county, and their union has been blessed by the birth of a daughter and son, Edith and Raymond. In politics Mr. Groff is a stalwart Republican, and in all public enterprises he takes a leading part, and is recognized by all as a first-class citizen.



**H**ENRY ELSEN, contractor and builder, is among the successful mechanics of Lancaster, and the biographical record of this city would not be complete without a brief sketch of his career. He is a native of Hanover, Germany, and was born at Freiberg, November 24, 1836. His father was Mathias Elsen, a native of the same country, and died when our subject was only two years of age. His mother's name was Mona Morks, and she died when Henry was but a small child. He then went to live with a man who was a butcher by trade, remaining with him until he was fourteen years of age, and then went to live on a farm. After several years of farm life he spent two years on the sea working as a deck hand, after which he returned to a farm, where he was made foreman, and in 1868 came to America, sailing by the steamer "America" to New York City and from that place he came direct to Lancaster. His first work after arriving in this country was that of making fences, which he followed for two years.

In 1883 Mr. Elsen commenced as a contractor and builder, having already worked at the carpenter's trade with William Wohlson for five years. He has built many fine structures in and about the city of Lancaster. It was in the year 1875 that he built a fine residence for his own use and now owns this and one on an adjoining lot, at No. 545 Green Street.

August 19, 1870, marked a new era in this man's life, for it was upon this date that he was united in marriage, at Lancaster, to Miss Annie Wohlson, who was a native of Faulzenbourg, Hanover. She

was reared in Germany and is the second eldest child of seven children. Mrs. Elsen came to America in 1868 on the steamer "Cumbria." By this union nine children were born, namely: William J., a carpenter in Lancaster; John H., a carpenter in the same place; Fred W., a butcher of Lancaster; Katie M., Annie M., Harry P., Emma M., Louis P. and Herbert O.

Being a man of intelligence and well read, our subject has seen the benefits of belonging to some of the civic societies. He is a member of Red Jacket Lodge No. 9 of the Order of Red Men, and is also a member of Washington Council of the Seven Wise Men. Like a majority of the Germans now living in Lancaster, our subject is a devoted member of the Lutheran Church, he being identified with Zion's Church.

Politically Mr. Elsen believes in the general principles of the Democratic party, although he is not a radical partisan. During more than a quarter of a century of Mr. Elsen's life he has been identified with our form of Government and has proved himself worthy of the title of an adopted citizen. He is counted among Lancaster's industrious and law-abiding citizens. When a young man he saw the value of learning a good trade, and by reason of this he has always had good employment and built up for himself and his interesting family a good home, with all the pleasant surroundings of a happy American home.



**M**ARTIN R. SHEAFFER. This public-spirited citizen of Bareville is engaged in the leaf tobacco business, packing and shipping each year from three to four hundred cases. He is the son of Philip and Leah (Rutter) Sheaffer, and was born in Earl Township, July 25, 1843.

Martin Sheaffer, the great-grandfather of our subject, came from Germany many years ago and located in Groffsville, where he owned a section of



land and where he was engaged in farming and distilling. He became the father of three sons by his union with a Miss Groff. The grandfather, who also bore the given name of Martin, was born in Earl Township in 1770, and died in 1821. He likewise followed the distilling business, and was the possessor of a large estate, comprising about four hundred acres. He married a Miss Miller and to them were born seven sons and five daughters, Jacob, Philip, John, Isaac, Martin, Adam and Samuel, and Elizabeth, Margaret, Mary, Judy and Charlotte.

Philip Sheaffer, who was the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead in 1803. He procured his education in the rude log schoolhouse near his home, and when ready to begin in life for himself, purchased one hundred and twenty acres of the home farm, which he cultivated until his decease, in 1864. In addition to tilling the soil he also was engaged in the distilling business for a number of years, and became quite well-to-do in a financial way. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and in religious affairs belonged to the Mennonite Church.

The parents of our subject were married in 1827. The mother was the daughter of Henry Rutter, a substantial farmer of Lower Leacock Township. Mrs. Sheaffer, although advanced in years, is still in the enjoyment of good health, and makes her home with our subject, who is her only child.

Martin R. Sheaffer is well educated, and remained at home cultivating the farm until 1886, when he sold it and purchased twenty-five acres in Bareville, which he now devotes to tobacco raising, packing and shipping large quantities each year. He is accounted one of the representative citizens of the place, and is a Director and stockholder in the New Holland Bank. In politics he is an ardent admirer of Republican principles, which party he believes to be in the right.

Mr. Sheaffer was married November 17, 1864, to Miss Caroline, daughter of Levi Graybill, and to them were born seven children. Martin is engaged in the practice of law in Lancaster; Cora is the wife of John Eshleman, a cigar manufacturer of Ephrata; Clayton is clerk in the Ephrata Bank. The wife and mother departed this life May 25, 1886,

and June 18, 1888, our subject married Miss Lottie, daughter of Samuel Myers, who is engaged in business in this village. Their children are Leah, born in 1889, and Rebecca, whose birth occurred in 1893. Mrs. Sheaffer is a member of the Dunkard Church and a most excellent lady, greatly respected in her community.



JOHN LEIBLEY is in partnership with his son Harry B. as a member of the firm of John Leibley & Son, and for nearly forty years has carried on a market and butcher shop in Lancaster. The site is one of the best in the city, a handsome brick building 32x75 feet in dimensions and three stories in height, this having been reconstructed by the owner. He also has money invested in several pieces of land in Lancaster and owns the old homestead.

January 7, 1834, occurred the birth of our subject in Lancaster only two houses distant from his present residence. His parents were Jacob and Charlotte (Miller) Leibley. The father died in 1856, when sixty-nine years of age, and his wife was called to her final rest in 1890, when eighty years of age. The father was one of five sons and five daughters, and he in turn had ten children, namely: Jacob, Ann, Charlotte, John, Elizabeth, Susan, Andrew, Christiana, George and Henry.

John Leibley received very meagre educational advantages, attending school probably only one year altogether, and worked for his father from the age of eight years in the slaughter house. Two years later he bought stock throughout the country, and upon his father's death succeeded to his business. In 1856 he opened his present market and from that time on has worked hard to build up the fine trade which he is now enjoys. In his political belief he is a Republican and has served as a member of the Common Council for four terms.

October 31, 1857, a marriage ceremony was performed by which Miss Amelia Wettig became

the wife of John Leibley. Her father was Godfrey Wettig, formerly of this city. By this union two children, a son and a daughter, were born, the elder of whom, Anna, married David Winters, now deceased, and the younger, Harry B., is engaged in business with his father. He is a natural machinist and possesses great inventive ability. At the present time he owns a number of pleasure boats and is devoting his attention to building more.



**A**MOS N. ROHRER is one of the successful and well-to-do farmers of Strasburg Township, having been for seventeen years engaged in market gardening on his present farm. From his sturdy ancestors he has inherited very industrious and thrifty qualities, and the family to which he belongs has long been accounted among the founders in the prosperity of Lancaster County.

Jacob Rohrer, the paternal grandfather of our subject, devoted his life to the calling of a farmer. He and his wife, Elizabeth, had four children: Henry, Christian, Jacob and Catharine. His third son, Jacob, our subject's father, was born in West Lampeter Township about 1807, and from his boyhood manifested a decided inclination for obtaining his livelihood as a farmer. He owned a good property comprising one hundred and forty acres in Strasburg Township, which he developed and improved. He always kept a good grade of live-stock and succeeded in providing well for his family and in putting aside a competence for old age. Politically, he was identified with the Whig party and later with the Republican organization. Religiously, he affiliated with the Old Mennonite Church. For his companion and helpmate on the voyage of life he married Miss Mary Neff. To this worthy couple were born three sons and two daughters, namely: Israel; Elizabeth, deceased; Harry; Susan; and Amos N.

The youngest child in his father's family, Amos N. Rohrer was born January 4, 1852, on the old

homestead in Strasburg Township. His early years passed without momentous event in the usual routine of farm life. His father trained him in a practical manner and gave him a good education. He attended the district schools in the neighborhood of his home, and on attaining his majority taught school for one winter in his home district. Later he attended for one session the Millersville Normal School but since that time has given all of his attention to farming. His especial department of work has been as a truck and market gardener and for seventeen years he has been very successful in this work.

March 17, 1881, Mr. Rohrer was united in marriage with Miss Mary Hull, who was born in Strasburg Township and who is of great assistance in every way to her husband. To this worthy couple have been born a son and daughter, Adam and Blanche. The Rohrer family have a pleasant and substantial home and are surrounded with the necessities and comforts of life.

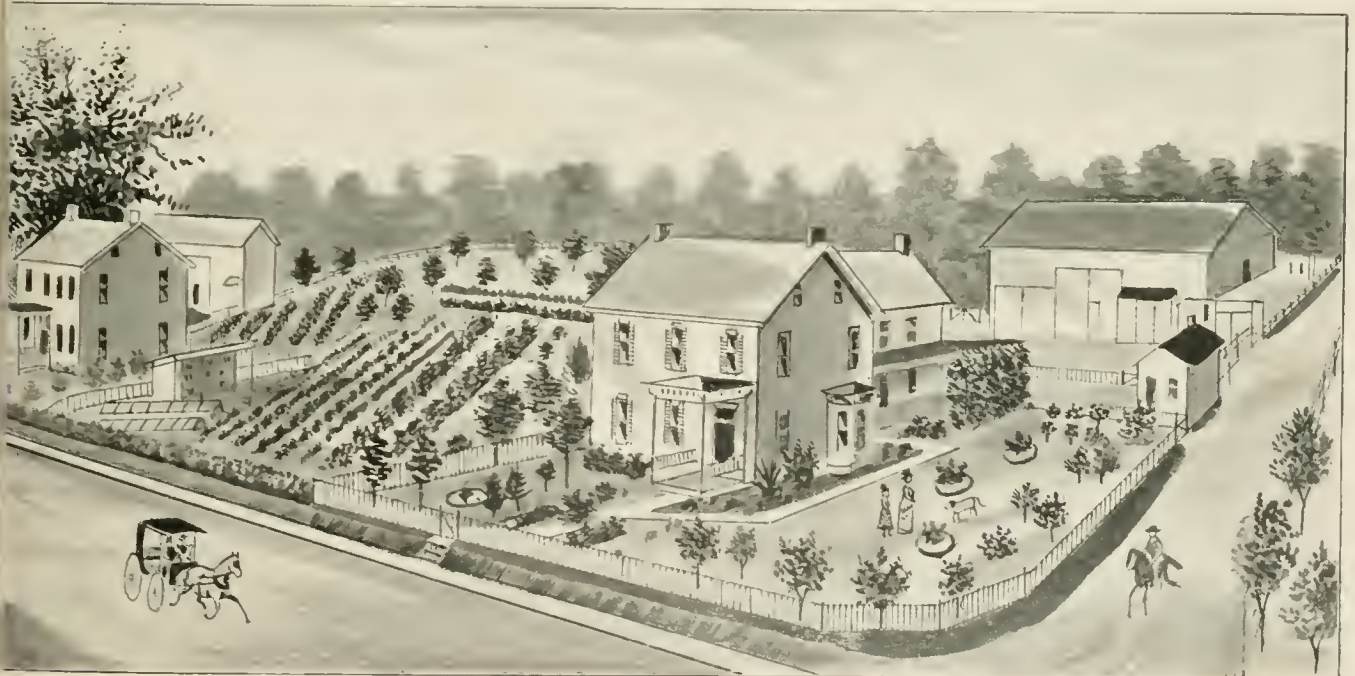
In his political convictions, Mr. Rohrer is a strong Republican but has never desired to hold official position, as he prefers instead to give his time and energies solely to his family and business affairs. Among his neighbors he is held in respect and he bears a high reputation for his worthy characteristics.



**J**ACOB R. WITMER, who, in company with B. F. Conner, is engaged in the manufacture of steam engines, is one of the most enterprising business men in Columbia. He is the son of John and Susan (Ripley) Witmer, and was born October 15, 1829, in Manor Township, Lancaster County. The family is of Swiss origin, the first representatives in America having been three brothers, who emigrated to this country prior to the Revolution. The paternal grandfather of our subject served as a soldier in the War of 1812, during which conflict he participated in the battle of Baltimore. He was a true Christian, and aided



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RESIDENCE AND FRUIT FARM OF AMOS N. ROHRER, STRASBURG, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.



greatly in the support of church work in his community.

The father of our subject was a native of Manor Township, this county, and was a carpenter and bridge builder by occupation. Although not in active service, he was greatly interested in the militia, and was familiarly known as Col. John Witmer. The father was a devoted member of the United Brethren Church, and was active in all good works. By his union with Miss Ripley, there were born nine children, namely: Jacob, John, Zachariah, Daniel, Christiana, Susan, Adaline, Hiram and Franklin. John Witmer was prominent in politics, and in 1847 served as Commissioner of Lancaster County. He departed this life December 3, 1857, at the age of fifty-five years. His good wife survived him until March, 1883, when she too passed away, when in her seventy-fourth year.

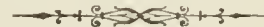
The original of this sketch received a good education in the district school near his home in Manor Township. He remained with his parents until attaining his majority, when he went to Safe Harbor and began learning the business of a pattern-maker in the shops of the Safe Harbor Iron Company. He was in the employ of that firm for eleven years, when he left and followed the carpenter's trade for a period of two years, and in 1863 we find him residing in Columbia. Here he found work in the shops of Supple & Bro., engine builders, and when the works were moved to Fourth and Manor Streets, he still remained in their employ. It was then changed to the Supple Steam Engine Company, and in 1878 Mr. Witmer was chosen manager of the shops, which responsible position he held until 1892. That year he formed a partnership with B. F. Conner, and purchased the stock of the company, of which he was elected Secretary and Treasurer. They are conducting a splendid business, and our subject is well qualified after so many years' experience in that line of work, to transact affairs in a most satisfactory and profitable manner.

In his political relations our subject is a staunch Republican, and aside from serving as School Director in Manor Township, and Councilman and President of the Council of Columbia, has never

held public office, his private affairs demanding his entire time and attention. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which he has been connected for the past twenty years, and at the present time is Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Jacob R. Witmer was united in marriage in April, 1852, with Miss Susan, daughter of Adam Miller, a farmer of Manor Township, where he is also carrying on an extensive business as the owner of a flouring mill. To Mr. and Mrs. Witmer has been born a family of five children, namely: Amanda, the wife of Lewis M. Filbert, engaged in business in Philadelphia; Henry Clay, who died when a lad of eight years; Susan, the wife of Isaac L. Auweter, a merchant of Columbia; Adaline, also deceased, and John A., a mechanical engineer and a graduate of the Philadelphia Polytechnic College, who also makes his home in this city.

The maternal grandfather of our subject, John Ripley, came from his native land, England, to America when eight years of age, making his home first in Virginia and later in Manor Township, this county, where he carried on farm pursuits during his last years, and also preached in the Evangelical Church. He reared a family of children bearing the respective names of Susan, John, Elizabeth, Catherine and Christiana. The grandfather lived to be quite aged, passing his last years in Lancaster County.



**O**RISTUS A. HIPPLE, a prosperous grocer of Marietta, is of remote German descent, but the family has been long established in Pennsylvania. His grandfather was a lifelong resident of Cumberland County, and by his marriage reared four children: John, Jacob, Polly and Mrs. Obetz, all deceased but Polly. The first-named son, John, was born in Cumberland County, October 7, 1811, and obtaining a good education in youth, was for twenty years engaged as a school teacher. In connection with that profession he followed the trade of a stone mason, but in

1870 retired from the former, and afterward gave his attention wholly to the latter. In politics a Republican, he was always deeply interested in the success of his party.

Though advanced in years at the opening of the Rebellion, John Hipple entered service as a member of the One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry, in which he remained for nine months. At the expiration of his term of service he enlisted for one year. During his later years he was a resident of Newtown, Rapho Township, Lancaster County, and there his death occurred December 28, 1892, at eighty-one years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Anna McCauley, passed away in 1883. Their children were Rufus H., Oristus A., Arthalinda N., James M., Isabella, Emanuel E., Tobias H. A., John U. S., deceased; Thomas P., Albert, Rosa, Ann, and one that died in infancy.

In Warwick Township, Lancaster County, the subject of this biography was born, November 2, 1840. He was in boyhood a student in the common schools, after which he turned his attention to the trade of a brick-layer, learning it in Newtown. After his marriage, in 1872, he came to Marietta, and followed this occupation, together with that of furnace repairing, until 1892, when he opened a grocery store. He now gives his entire attention to this business, having abandoned his trade. Politically he is a Republican, devoted to party tenents. He belongs to Donegal Lodge No. 129, I. O. O. F., and Marietta Encampment No. 76, being Treasurer of both. He is also a member of Marietta Castle No. 120, Knights of the Mystic Chain, serving as its Treasurer, and is identified with Marietta Castle No. 102, Knights of the Golden Eagle. He fills the same office in the Improved Order of Red Men. In fact, he is Treasurer of every organization with which he is identified, except the Grand Army Post and Knights of the Golden Eagle.

During the late war Mr. Hipple served in Company A, One Hundred and Ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry, Twenty-fourth Corps, Army of the Potomac. He was present at the charge of Ft. Gregg, and took part in a number of minor engagements, being engaged chiefly on detail duty.

He witnessed the surrender at Appomattox, and served ten months, or until the close of the Rebellion. He is Collector and Treasurer of the local Board of the National Home Building & Loan Association of Bloomington, Ill.

September 24, 1864, Mr. Hipple was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Gallagher, an estimable lady, who is highly regarded by a large circle of personal friends. The family circle at one time consisted of six children, but Lillie Dale and Carrie May are deceased, and the eldest son, U. S. Grant, has established a home of his own. Nora, Jennie A. and John Alfred still remain with their parents.



**A** C. ILYUS is Prothonotary of Lancaster County and for twenty-five years has been Justice of the Peace in Neffsville. In all enterprises and leading industries he has been very much interested, and as far as he was able has supported them by his influence and practical assistance. The birth of the 'Squire occurred in West Hempfield Township, January 17, 1857, and he comes from one of the old and respected families of Manor Township, where his father, Abraham, was born. The latter was a shoemaker by trade, and his death occurred when he was in the prime of life, February 21, 1856. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of Jacob Clair, and both were born in Rapho Township. He was a farmer and also a weaver, following those occupations until his demise. Mrs. Mary Ilyus, who survived her husband for many years, was called to her final rest in 1889, when in her seventy-seventh year. In a family of seven children who grew to maturity, five are living, and of these the 'Squire is next to the eldest and the only son.

Until twenty-two years of age our subject was reared in West Hempfield Township on a farm, and was a student in the neighborhood schools. After taking a course of study in the Mt. Joy Academy, during the fall of 1853 he began teaching in Penn

Township, and for twelve terms successfully conducted schools. The last six terms he was stationed in two schools in Manheim Township; four were in the village of Neffsville, where he located permanently in 1859. In 1866 he abandoned teaching, becoming a clerk in the Recorder's office in this city, and the following year was transcribing clerk in Harrisburg. In 1863 he had been made Assessor, which office he has held for upwards of twenty-five years. In 1869 he was elected Justice of the Peace, discharging its duties up to January, 1894. Each time he was re-elected on the Republican ticket, and was the only one to fill the office in Neffsville. Having been elected Assessor of Manheim in 1872, he has continuously held that position up to the present time. April 15, 1893, he was nominated on the Republican ticket as Prothonotary and was elected that fall, taking his office at the beginning of the following year to serve for a term of three years. He is still Assessor of Manheim, but has resigned his position as Justice of the Peace. For about seventeen years he was Collector of the School Tax in this township, and is also a conveyancer.

In West Hempfield, 'Squire Ilyus was married in September, 1857, to Victoria Musselman, a native of Cumberland County, and daughter of Henry Musselman, who taught school in Mt. Joy and other places. In 1864 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Pennsylvania Regiment. When in the battle of Petersburg his tongue was shot off by a minie ball; he was made a captive, his death occurring in a rebel hospital. At the time that he volunteered his services he was over the regulation age and was a faithful and valiant defender of the flag to the last. Mr. and Mrs. Ilyus have three children living, Harry M., who attended the Millersville Normal and is now running a shoe store on North Queen Street; Edgar B., also formerly a student in the Normal and now a practicing physician at No. 13 East Walnut Street, and A. Charles, a graduate of the high school, and now a clerk in his father's office, where two other deputies are employed. Mrs. Ilyus is a member of the Lutheran Church and is a most estimable lady.

For a quarter of a century, 'Squire Ilyus has been clerk of sales. He is particularly busy during the

winter, managing about one hundred and twenty sales a year, besides which he has administered a number of estates. From 1885 to 1888 he was Jury Commissioner of the county, being elected on the Republican ticket. When nominated in the spring of 1893 he was the successful one of four candidates, receiving a majority of one hundred and sixty-eight votes. He is a stockholder in the People's Trust, Savings and Deposit Company, being one of the organizers, and is a Director in the People's National Bank of Lancaster. Since the organization of the Neffsville Mutual Fire Insurance Company in 1878, he has been Secretary. Nearly \$1,700,000 of insurance have been placed in the township, and only thirty cents on \$1,000 a year has been paid out in losses. The Manheim and Penn Turnpike Company, which was organized in 1881 and built on contract, is a great convenience to the township, and the 'Squire was very active in carrying the measure successfully forward. His pleasant home is situated only four and a-half miles distant from Lancaster, and both here and in the city, as well as wherever he is known, he has made many warm friends.



**S**AMUEL W. POTTS, a representative of one of the oldest families in Lancaster County, together with other members of the Potts family, will be mentioned in this connection. Our subject's grandfather, Joseph Potts, was born in Lancaster County, and spent his life on a farm. He was of Scotch-Irish descent. His father, David Potts, was the proprietor of Potts' Landing Hotel, and was born in Strasburg. He farmed in Strasburg Township, and afterward bought a thirty-acre tract of land in Lancaster Township, adjoining the city, and followed hotel life and farming for a livelihood; he was also a stock-dealer. The boat landing was established and known as Potts' Landing on account of this family name. Our subject's father died in 1867, aged fifty years.

Politically he had ever been identified with the Democratic party. The mother of Samuel W., whose maiden name was Catherine Warren, was a native of Strasburg, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Warren, of Scotch-Irish extraction. They moved to Maryland, where the father died.

Mr. and Mrs. David Potts were the parents of ten children, seven of whom are living, our subject being the eldest. He was born on the farm in Strasburg Township, October 5, 1841, and was reared at Potts' Landing, obtaining his education in the public schools and at Millersville State Normal. At the opening of the Civil War, he volunteered as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Regiment, in which he was a Corporal. He served nine months in the Army of the Potomac, and took part in many fierce battles, including the second battle of Bull Run, Malvern Hill, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. He received an honorable discharge at the close of that great conflict, after which he engaged with his father and succeeded him in the hotel business, and continued that and farm life for twenty-five years, or until November, 1893, when he retired from business. He built a fine brick residence on the Philadelphia Pike, near the hotel, and now rents both his hotel and farm.

We clip the following from the *Examiner*: "It is but simple justice to say that the man who more than all other men combined in this community has led us up to this desirable state of affairs is Mr. Samuel Potts, owner of Potts' Landing and Potts' Grove. Mr. Potts, it is unnecessary for us to say, belongs to one of the oldest and best known families of Lancaster County, his ancestors having been prominent in milling, farming, hotel and other business enterprises for generations. The owner of Potts' Landing inherited the progressive spirit of his ancestors. Taking possession of the old and always respectable hotel, which had been kept for many years by his father, he planted a grove along the Conestoga. As the years rolled by and the infant trees developed into a large and stately grove, it became one of the most delightful wooded tracts in the county of Lancaster, or even in the state. Then came the placing

of boats along the stream, the erection of boat houses, and Potts' Landing was born. It leaped instantly into popularity. If the records of the old East King Street Railway Company, with its horse cars, could be consulted, it would perhaps be found that there has never been under the electric railway system such carrying of people to the banks of the Conestoga, at Witmer's bridge, as then. Men, women and children hung to the cars like flies. It was a sight to see the cars in those early days. Then came the electric cars. Then came the parks. Then came the band concerts. But to-day the best people of Lancaster who want a quiet rest in a secluded spot go to Potts'. His boats are of the best. No one ever heard of a serious accident with one of them. No immoral persons are permitted on the grounds or premises. To-day our wives and daughters may go there unattended, and may be as safe from insult or annoyance as though they were in the seclusion of their own homes. In conclusion, therefore, we wish to make this simple declaration, in all fairness to Mr. Potts, that he was the originator of the healthful and inspiring out-door amusements of which we are now so proud. And to-day, so far as concerns the patronage of our best people, it may be truthfully said that Mr. Samuel Potts 'holds both bowers and the ace.' "

Mr. Potts was united in marriage, December 25, 1867, with Miss Martha S. Sides, of West Lampeter Township. Her parents were Abraham B. and Eliza (Fritz) Sides. Her grandfather, John Sides, was the only child of Col. Peter Sides, who was an officer in the Revolutionary War and a bosom friend of General Washington, who often visited him at his home. He was a great fox hunter and horseback rider, and his ancestors were of Scotch-Irish descent. Col. Peter Sides, an uncle of our subject's wife, was an officer in the Civil War. Another uncle, Dr. B. F. Sides, was a surgeon in the army in the late war. Her father was a merchant, and later had the honor of being one of the first engineers to run a locomotive on the Pennsylvania Railroad. Afterward he located in West Lampeter, where he died August 25, 1889. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics was identified with the



Democratic party. Mrs. Potts' mother was known in maidenhood as Elizabeth Fritz, and was the daughter of Jacob Fritz and wife, who are of German descent.

Mr. and Mrs. Sides were the parents of five children, four of whom are now living: Clementine, Mrs. Meek; Martha S., now Mrs. Potts; Libbie, deceased; Dr. B. F., practicing in Lampeter; and Sallie Maude, who lives with her sister, Mrs. Potts. The two latter are acceptable members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Potts is a Democrat.



**D**ANIEL G. ENGLE. This representative citizen of Marietta is the proprietor of the Engletree Stock Farm, which is well known to breeders and lovers of horses. He is also a member of the firm of Engle & Bro., nurserymen. As a horseman the reputation of Mr. Engle has extended over a large territory, and those who have made his acquaintance during the past few years know him best for this and his fine social qualities.

Before entering upon the life of Mr. Engle it will not be amiss to note a few facts regarding his ancestry. Ulrich Engle, the first of the family to locate in the United States, came from Switzerland in 1753. His son Jacob, our subject's great-grandfather, was the founder of the River Brethren Church. Grandfather John Engle was born in Conoy Township, this county, and during his entire life gave his attention to farm pursuits. He was active in the work of the Dunkard Church, to which he belonged, and was well respected in the community.

The father of our subject, Daniel Engle, was born in 1812 in Conoy Township, where he received such an education as could be obtained in that early day. Like his father before him, he was a prominent church member, belonging to the River Brethren Church of the Dunkards, in which he was chief among those who aided in the organ-

ization of the Mutual Insurance Company, of which he became Secretary. He was not only one of the first, but one of the most extensive tobacco growers of his day in Lancaster County. He also carried on a large business as nurseryman, owning the Marietta nurseries, which he established in 1853 on the old homestead, and in 1867 the enterprise was assumed by his sons, John G. and Hiram, under the firm style of Engle & Bro. After the death of Hiram Engle, in 1874, Daniel G. Engle entered the business under the original firm name.

Daniel Engle was married to Miss Mary, daughter of Christian Graybill, who at that time was one of the well-to-do farmers of East Donegal Township. Their son, our subject, was born in that township, July 1, 1853. He received his education in the common schools and the State Normal School, Millersville, Pa., and is also a graduate of the Bryant & Stratton's Business College, Philadelphia. For two terms he taught the Donegal school in East Donegal Township. Like all his family on both the paternal and maternal sides, he is a stout Republican. Of late years he has taken an active part in politics and is at present serving his second term in the Borough Council of Marietta, being Chairman of the Finance Committee of that body. When ready to start out in life on his own account he was married, September 21, 1880, to Miss Minnie, daughter of George W. Stahl (deceased), a lumber merchant of Marietta and one of its representative citizens. Their family included four children, bearing the following names: Rheta, Daniel (deceased), Franklin S. and Minnie S.

In 1885 Mr. Engle, who was already the owner of some fine animals, purchased the celebrated horse "Storm King" in Kentucky, which was at that time three years of age. This animal is by the same sire as the famous trotting queen, "Nancy Hanks." Soon after the purchase of this animal Mr. Engle established what is now widely known as the Engletree Stock Farm and erected thereon many large and substantial stables. "Storm King's" record is 2:25 $\frac{3}{4}$  and he has also become celebrated as the sire of "Paragon," trotting when five years of age at 2:13 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; "Stormer," a three-year-old, whose record is 2:26 $\frac{1}{4}$ , besides many other animals that bid fair to become noted on the turf. "Paragon," like

the other animals, was trained on the Engletree Stock Farm, and during the racing season at Washington Park, Chicago, in 1892, when in a field of fourteen horses, won three consecutive heats in 2:14 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 2:13 $\frac{1}{4}$  and 2:13 $\frac{1}{2}$ , which beat the world's record for the fastest three consecutive heats by a gelding. "Storm King," the sire of "Paragon," has been exhibited at over twenty-five state and county fairs, and at each has taken the first premium. The training track at Engletree Farm is made of soil well adapted for training purposes, is one of the finest in the country and attracts wide-spread attention. Mr. Engle gives his attention to the carrying on of his farm, which occupies considerable of his time and calls forth his tact and business foresight. In his training stables are young "Storm Kings" and well-bred colts by other sires, receiving their first education. Mr. Engle trains largely for other parties, as this is a prominent feature of his business.

Daniel Engle was a man of liberal and progressive opinions and was remarkably well informed on the topics of his day and ancient history. He was a Republican; though not taking an active part in politics, he voted at all important elections. He departed this life August 17, 1888. His good wife still survives him.



**H**ON. GEORGE H. RANCK, of New Holland, Earl Township, was elected to the Legislature in 1889 and has always been a zealous Republican since casting his first vote for Lincoln in 1864. Mr. Ranck, as a teacher, editor and general business man, has manifested great public spirit and has taken a large share in everything tending to advance the interest and welfare of his community, and New Holland owes much to him as one of the most enterprising and progressive citizens. In 1869 he purchased a small

job printing office in New Holland and continued in that line until 1873, since which time he has conducted the New Holland *Clarion*, which is regarded as among the best local newspapers in the state. While a member of the Legislature Mr. Ranck was on the Committees of Education, Agriculture, Military and Banking, and his opinions on these and other topics of interest were clear cut and well judged.

A son of Daniel and Anna (Hildebrand) Ranck, George H. was born in Mifflinburg, Union County, Pa., February 2, 1843, but is practically one of the sons of Lancaster County, as this was the place of his parents' birth, and when he was a year old they returned to make this their permanent home. The Ranck family is of German origin and the ancestors of our subject were among the pioneers of the eastern part of this state. Some of the family came to this county as early as 1726, buying land in East Cocalico Township, where they engaged in farming. Other branches of the family located in Lebanon and Berks Counties. John Philip, the great-grandfather of G. H., was a native of this county and an extensive farmer of East Cocalico Township. He married a Miss Haas, a descendant of another German pioneer, and they had four sons, James, Philip, David and Isaac, and their daughters were, Nancy, Mrs. James De Haven; Mary, Mrs. George Miller; Barbara, Mrs. Ream, and Elizabeth, Mrs. Bender. David went to Ohio, where he became a farmer; James was engaged in a similar pursuit in Chester County, Pa., and Isaac was the grandfather of our subject. The father of these children died in the year 1830, aged about seventy years. Isaac Ranck was born about 1794 and was also a farmer and a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Margaret Swope, of pioneer German family also, and by her had three sons: John, who was a tailor in Paris, Ky., where he died in 1882; Daniel, a potter, of this place, who died in 1894, and Isaac, who is now engaged in gold mining in northern California.

Daniel, our subject's father, was born in East Cocalico Township March 14, 1819, received a district school education, and in 1842, soon after his marriage, went to Mifflinburg, where he engaged in the pottery business for two years. Later for a

like period of time he was in Springville and in 1846 removed to Leacock Township, where he established a pottery, which he conducted until 1891, when he retired to make his home in New Holland. For a number of years he was a Deacon in the Lutheran Church, to which he belonged, and in politics was a Democrat. In 1842 he married Anna, daughter of Michael Hildebrand, a farmer of Earl Township and also a descendant of a German pioneer family, and of their union two children were born, George H. and Catherine E. The daughter was twice married, first to Cyrus Rutter and subsequently to Jacob Diffenderfer, of Lancaster. Mrs. Ranck was born October 26, 1819, and is a member of the Lutheran Church.

George H. Ranck received fair educational privileges, attending the common schools and later a private institution. At eighteen he became a teacher, which calling he followed for eight years, being a portion of the time Principal of the New Holland schools. In 1869 he succeeded John Black in his job printing office at this place, in which business he continued for four years. The *Clarion*, a weekly newspaper, was founded by him and another gentleman in 1873. Mr. Ranck took sole charge in 1878 and has been its editor for twenty-one years. It is an eight-page quarto, 16x22 inches in dimensions, which has a circulation of twelve hundred and is an independent paper. From an humble beginning it has grown to be one of the leading molders of thought in this locality. It gives regular employment to a number of people, and steam power and other improvements of the day are to be found in the office. In the job printing department the proprietor turns out good work and has the patronage of the leading business men in the eastern end of the county.

The marriage of our subject was solemnized May 20, 1866, when he married Ann Elizabeth, daughter of the late Samuel Hollingsworth, a furniture manufacturer of New Holland. Mrs. Ranck was a grand-daughter of the late Abraham De Haven. Five children were born of this union: a daughter, who died at birth; Ivan L., who is in the printing office of his father; Anna M.; Bertha V., who is now deceased, and Lizzie E. Mr. Ranck is a member of Earl Lodge No. 413, I. O. O. F., of which he is

Past Grand, and is Past President of Camp No. 40, P. O. S. of A. In church and Sunday-school work he has always been very active, being connected with Trinity Lutheran Church of New Holland as an Elder, and is Treasurer and also a teacher of the Sunday-school.



**M**ICHAEL W. HURST, M. D., of West Earl Township, has an extensive and successful practice in this locality, and his advice is often called for by his brother physicians of the community, for he has had practical experience, covering a period of over three decades. He is a successful practitioner and a good business man, who by the exercise of his persevering and enterprising qualities and his sagacious business investment has succeeded in acquiring a snug fortune. He is a son of John and Catherine (Witwer) Hurst, and was born in Caernarvon Township, of this county, September 27, 1835.

The Hursts are of German origin, individuals of the name having located in this county about 1720. They are devoted to agricultural pursuits and in religion were Mennonites. John Hurst, the great-grandfather of the Doctor, was a farmer in Groff's Valley, and in his family were four sons and three daughters: Christian; John, a farmer of Salisbury Township; Amos, who taught school near Ephrata, and was also a farmer, and David, the grandfather of our subject. David Hurst was born in Groff's Valley in 1770, and became a farmer in Caernarvon Township, where he owned two hundred acres. He was a man of good financial ability and acquired a substantial fortune. He was twice married, his first wife having been Maria Weaver, by whom he had the following children: Henry, who removed to Franklin County in 1834; Joseph, who also became a resident of that county; John, a farmer; David, who went to Canada and there passed the remainder of his life on a farm; Barbara, who became the wife of Jacob Neuswanger;

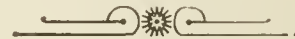
Maria, wife of Abraham Martin; Elizabeth, wife of John Martin, now living in Ohio; Mrs. Joseph Weaver, and Susannah, who married George Rutt. For his second wife, Mr. Hurst married Mrs. Susannah (Stauffer) Bowman, but they had no children. David Hurst departed this life in May, 1845, and was survived several years by his wife.

John Hurst, the father of our subject, was known as "Big John" on account of his great muscular powers and large frame. He was born in Caernarvon Township, in October, 1799, and received meager educational advantages. In the management of his farm in the same township, he was reasonably successful and was a prominent member of the Mennonite Church. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. In 1819 he married Catherine, a daughter of Daniel Witter, a Mennonite minister of Earl Township, and of this union were born nine sons. Daniel died in infancy; Isaac is a farmer of Caernarvon Township; David is in Winslow, Apache County, Ariz., where in partnership with his brother, our subject, he owns a large ranch; Amos, now deceased, was a school teacher for many years; John died on his farm in East Earl Township; Benjamin is deceased; Samuel carried on a farm in Manheim Township; Michael W. is the next in order of birth, and Martin, who was in the service during the late war in Company K, Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, died in 1864. At Chickamauga he was taken prisoner by the Confederates, being sent to Ft. Anderson, where he was imprisoned for nearly a year.

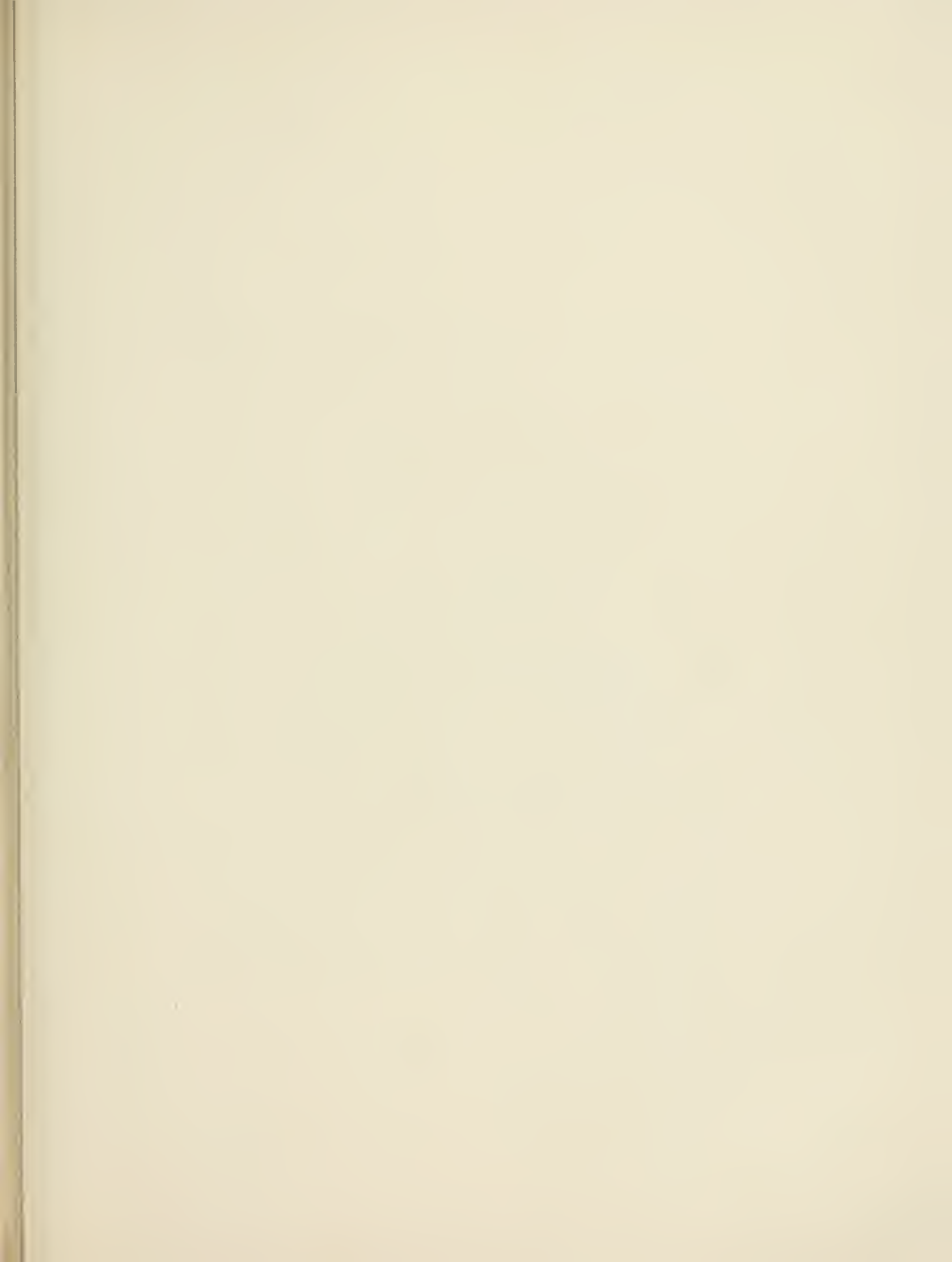
Dr. Michael W. received his common school education near his home and then entered the academy at Marietta, in which he was taught by Dr. Wickersham. Subsequently he attended the Millersville State Normal, after which he engaged in teaching for five years. In 1858 he took up the study of medicine with Dr. Isaac D. Winters, of Goodville, and in the fall of 1859 entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he graduated three years later. For the next two and a-half years he practiced with his preceptor, and then located here, where he has since been engaged in professional duties. He is a member of the Lancaster City and County Medical Societies, being President of the latter in 1893,

and is also associated with the State Medical Society. In addition to his practice, which is very remunerative and extensive, he has large interests in the cattle business with his brother David in Arizona. On their ranch they have from ten thousand to twelve thousand head of cattle, and the brother gives his entire time to the supervision of the same. The Doctor is a member of the Evangelical Association, being a Trustee of the Ebenezer congregation at Brownston. An active Republican, he was sent as a delegate to the State Convention which nominated Governor Hoyt, and has also been sent in a similar capacity to the meetings of the State Medical Society.

September 15, 1862, Dr. Hurst married Harriet, daughter of John Overholser, a farmer of East Earl Township. Ten children have graced this marriage. Margaret K. is the wife of Rev. J. D. Woodring, of Allentown; Minnie C. is at home; Anna V. became the wife of Rev. W. H. Hartzler, an Evangelical minister of the Lebanon; John is on the cattle ranch in Arizona; Ira W. and Willis W. died in childhood; Hattie, Spencer W. and Edna P. are with their parents, and one died in infancy.



**A**BRAM KLINE, one of the largest hardware and lumber merchants in Lancaster County, has his stores and yards located in Manheim, it being a trade center of some importance, and is not lacking in business enterprises. Mr. Kline established himself in the hardware business about twenty years ago, and at present occupies a large building 22x100 feet, with four additional rooms and two warehouses. In these rooms a heavy stock is carried of all kinds of hardware, and the proprietor supplies a trade covering a considerable radius which is very thickly settled. In addition to his hardware business Mr. Kline is one of the most extensive lumber dealers in this section, having shedding and storage capacity for five hundred thousand feet, in which is found all





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kinds of lumber. He is also engaged in the manufacture of a superior curry comb of his own patent, which is the most popular on the market on account of its being entirely harmless and the most expeditious cleaner in use.

Our subject was born in East Hempfield Township, this county, June 17, 1828, and is a son of Jacob and Susan (Heistand) Kline, of German descent. The father was also born in the above township, where he spent his early life, first engaged as a stone merchant and later as a farmer. He died while residing in Schoeneek, this county. He was well-to-do in this world's goods and was a devoted member of the Mennonite Church.

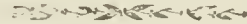
The maternal grandfather of our subject, John Heistand, was a large landowner near Landisville, where he was one of the first distillers in the county. He reared a large family, of whom the mother of our subject was the third in order of birth.

The original of this sketch remained on the old homestead until about fifteen years of age, during which time he attended school. He then served a three years' apprenticeship to a cabinet-maker, after which he went to Philadelphia and completed his knowledge of the business. Returning at the expiration of that time to this county he worked at his trade until embarking in the mercantile business, to which he later added his extensive lumber business. In 1851 or 1852 he returned to Manheim, where he was one of the most prominent business men for four years, when he sold out and went to Philadelphia, where he was a resident for over fifteen years and carried on an extensive business as a member of the firm of Stein, Warner & Co., importers and jobbers of china, glass and queensware. While in Philadelphia he served four years as a member of the City Council, and was one of the original members of the Centennial Committee.

Mr. Kline ranks to-day with the leading and enterprising citizens of Lancaster County, is one of its most active, capable and successful business men, and in commercial and financial circles is recognized as a gentleman of the strictest integrity and unquestionable stability. He is ably assisted in his extensive business enterprises by his son,

Charles A., and his son-in-law, H. H. Ginrich, most active and capable young business men, who take charge of the different branches and assist in making the business a success. Mr. Kline was one of the incorporators and first President of the Manheim Water Company and the Fairview Cemetery Association, also of the building and loan association. While holding the office of Burgess of Manheim he was largely instrumental in having the streets macadamized and in carrying out other improvements. He is an active Republican in politics and has always taken a leading part in those measures which would tend toward the up-building of his community. He has been Elder of the Reformed Church for many years and is an earnest worker in the Sunday-school.

Abram Kline was married in 1852 to Miss Caroline E., daughter of Philip Arndt, of Manheim. The three children born to their union are Mary E., wife of H. H. Ginrich, Ida A. and Charles A.



JOHN S. KREITER, M. D., a popular and very successful general practitioner of Akron, is a native of Warwick Township, Lancaster County, and a descendant of German ancestors. His great-great-grandfather was a native of Germany, and emigrated to the United States in an early day, settling in Pennsylvania. Our subject, his father, grandfather and great-grandfather were natives of Lancaster County and were reared on the same farm. Solomon Kreiter married Miss Maria Grossman, who was a daughter of Jacob Grossman, a farmer of the same county, and to them were born eight children, namely: Jacob C., a farmer of Warwick Township; Catherine, who died in infancy; John S., our subject; James E., deceased; David H. and Henry D. (twins); Martha, the wife of Levi H. Wissler, and Solomon G., who died in infancy.

In boyhood our subject worked on the farm, assisting his father in the various duties of that occupation, and attending the public schools of his vicinity. When a young man he was a student in the Lititz Academy, and for several terms conducted his studies at the Millersville Normal,

after which he taught one term of school. He also attended the Indiana (Pa.) State Normal and is a graduate of the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In 1879 he began reading medicine under Dr. James C. Brobst, and the practical knowledge gained there has been of great benefit to him in his practice. Dr. Kreiter is also a graduate of the Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York City. He opened an office and commenced the practice of his profession, first in Lititz, where he remained only a few months. After leaving that place he came to Akron, where he permanently located and soon built up a practice and reputation of which he may well be proud. Being thoroughly adapted to his profession by natural gifts and education, he has become eminent as a physician and surgeon and devotes himself with enthusiasm to his chosen occupation. He has a large and extensive practice throughout the county and is esteemed and honored by all who know him.

Dr. Kreiter was united in marriage with Miss Carrie L. Zentmyer, and to them have been born four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Irene A.; John E., who died when an infant; Robert E. and Maude V. The Doctor is a member of the Lutheran Church, while Mrs. Kreiter holds membership in the Moravian Church of Lititz. The family occupy a high position in the social circles of the village of Akron. Politically the Doctor is a staunch Republican and an ardent supporter of the principles of that party. Socially he is a member of the Lancaster City and County Medical Societies. He is one of the popular citizens of the county and is a physician of great skill and ability, as is attested by his large and ever increasing practice.



**H**ON. WINFIELD S. SMITH is one of the most prominent and worthy citizens of Lancaster County, his home being in Bainbridge. In 1886 he was elected on the Republican ticket to the Lower House of the Pennsylvania Legislature and was re-elected two years later. In

1890 his many friends and constituents elected him to the Senate, and in both important positions he has made a fine record. The first year of his term he served as Secretary of the Appropriation Committee, to which office there attaches no salary, but so well did he fulfill his duties that during the second year he was tendered the Chairmanship of said committee, which is the most important of the Senate Committees. However, he retired in favor of George Handy Smith and became Secretary of the committee, though virtually discharging the more important duties of Chairman, owing to the illness of that gentleman. While in the House he served on the Ways and Means Committee and many others more or less important. For the past seventeen years he has served uninterruptedly as County Committeeman and even before arriving at his majority was an active worker in the Republican cause.

Daniel Smith, the great-grandfather of our subject, was of German descent and a resident of what is now Conoy Township, this county, and for years was Collector of Taxes for Lancaster County. The next in the line of descent, John Smith, was born in Conoy Township, learned the cabinet-makers' trade in early life and later engaged in farming. He owned one hundred and twenty acres in Conoy Township near Bainbridge and was a successful agriculturist. Like his father he was a Whig in politics and religiously was a Lutheran. His children were Jacob, who is still living, though about ninety years old; John, Jr., who is some eighty-eight years of age; Frederick, deceased; George, Joseph, Adam; Benjamin and Daniel, deceased; Elizabeth Shank; Susan Brenner and Catherine Derr, deceased.

Frederick, the father of W. S. Smith, was born August 15, 1815, on the old homestead in Conoy Township, and received a limited education. He became a foreman of the Old State Railroad, and continued in the capacity of foreman until 1862, when the road was purchased by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The following year he was elected Sheriff of Lancaster County on the Republican ticket and served for one term. He then retired from active life, and resided at Bainbridge at the time of his death, which occurred October

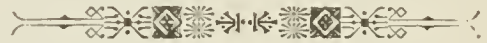


30, 1884. He was a great partisan and interested in the success of the old Know-Nothing party. His first wife, Elizabeth Brown, was born March 8, 1818, and died May 22, 1859, aged forty-one years. They were the parents of the following children: Lovina Hipple; Thaddeus Stevens, who died in infancy; Winfield S.; Jacob F., who died at the age of five years; George A. and Annie E. Flowers. After the death of his first wife, Frederick Smith married Miss Mary Bauchman, by whom he had four children: Frederick B., Abe Lincoln; Emma and Lillie. The mother of these children died in the spring of 1894.

Hon. Mr. Smith was born in Bainbridge on the 22d of November, 1847. He received very meager educational advantages, as he left school when thirteen years old and entered a store in 1862 as a clerk with J. A. Graff & Co., of this place. With that firm he remained for two years, when, his father assuming the duties of Sheriff and removing to Lancaster, he became his assistant. For two years afterwards he clerked for Lewis S. Hartman in his store. In 1866 he took charge of the freight and ticket office of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Bainbridge and was also made agent for the Adams Express Company, which position he has held ever since, a period of twenty-eight years. During this time he also managed his father's mercantile business, until 1872, when he took the entire charge as proprietor and thus continued for six years. In 1878 he purchased the site and built a handsome, large business place and residence combined. Here he has conducted a general mercantile trade and has succeeded to a remarkable degree. One of the organizers of the Elizabethtown National Bank, he has ever since been one of its directors. Mr. Smith owns considerable real estate both in Bainbridge and in farm land. One place comprises two hundred and fifty acres, is well improved and specially adapted for fruit. It is located in Conoy Township, two and a-half miles from Bainbridge, and a goodly sum is realized from it every year.

October 5, 1870, Mr. Smith married Melissa, daughter of John Meyers, of this village. To them have been born two children: I. Scott, who is a partner with his father in the mercantile business, and Carrie M. Mr. Smith is a member of the Method-

ist Episcopal Church, in which he is a Trustee. Socially he is identified with Ashara Lodge No. 398, F. & A. M., of Marietta; Cyrene Commandery No. 34, K. T.; Bainbridge Lodge No. 627, I. O. O. F. and Bainbridge Lodge No. 231, Sr. O. U. A. M.



**I** SAAC N. LIGHTNER, M. D., is one of the prominent physicians and surgeons of Ephrata, where he has been engaged in successful practice since 1875. He is the son of Hon. James G. and Catherine (Flickinger) Lightner, and was born June 24, 1849, in Shirleysburg, Huntingdon County, this state.

Grandfather Augustus Lightner was a native of Intercourse, Lancaster County. He served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and in his political relations was an ardent Democrat. His occupation was that of a farmer and so successful was he in this calling that he accumulated a handsome fortune and was regarded as one of the wealthy and public spirited citizens of the county. He married Miss Elizabeth Gundaker and to them were born three sons and one daughter, namely: Herman, John, Augustus and Elizabeth. The grandfather died in this county when advanced in years. James G. Lightner was also a native of this state and was the recipient of a splendid education gained while in attendance at the Green Castle College, in Franklin County. He was graduated with honors from that institution and was conversant with seven languages: English, German, French, Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Spanish. He afterward studied medicine and was graduated from the Baltimore Medical College in Baltimore, Md., and at once located for practice in Huntingdon County, this state. This was in Shirleysburg, and later Dr. Lightner removed to Mt. Union. After carrying on a good practice in that place for a time he next removed to Churchtown, this county. Here he built up a good patronage, and when selling out to Dr. McCaa, of Churchtown, took up his abode in

Allenville, Mifflin County, where he was residing at the time of his decease. He was a very skillful physician and stood high among his professional brethren. In politics Dr. James G. Lightner was a Democrat, on which ticket he was twice elected to the state legislature, and during his term of office rendered his constituents valuable service. He was very liberal of his wealth toward establishing and supporting worthy causes and it was due to his generosity that the Huntingdon County Poor Farm was built. Dr. Lightner was also School Director for many years and did much toward raising the standard of education in his community.

The father of our subject was a shrewd business man and during his active life was engaged at one time in the manufacture of brick, and gave his personal supervision to the carrying on of an extensive mercantile business. He speculated in real estate and was the owner of two valuable farms in Shirley Township, Huntingdon County. He was a man of many pleasant social qualities and was well liked by the entire community. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, with which he was connected for thirty years. Socially he was a prominent Mason, belonging to Lancaster Lodge No. 43.

Dr. James G. Lightner was first married to Miss Elizabeth Cromwell and to them were born two children, Henderson and Jennie. Mrs. Lightner died and the Doctor later married Miss Flickinger, by whom he became the father of the following three children: Elizabeth, Keziah and our subject. The father departed this life in 1878, when seventy-eight years of age.

The original of this sketch was graduated from the Shirleysburg schools in 1860, after which for seven years he read medicine in his father's office. Later he entered the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, of Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the Class of '73, and at once located for practice in Allenville. A year later we find him residing in Oregon, this county, where he remained for two years, and in 1875 came to Ephrata, where he has an extensive practice and ranks among the very best physicians in Lancaster County. He is connected with the Lancaster County Medical Society and also with the State Medical

Society. In social affairs the Doctor is a Mason of high standing, holding membership with Chandler Lodge No. 227; also with Reading Commandery, No. 42, K. T., Ragga Temple, Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to Clay Lodge No. 915, I. O. O. F., in which order he takes an active interest. He is a member in good standing of the Lutheran Church, in which denomination he has been Deacon.

In 1873 Dr. I. W. Lightner and Miss Emma, daughter of John H. Landis, were united in marriage. The two children born of their union are James N. and Ruth E. In politics the Doctor is an ardent supporter of Republican principles and has served as a member of the School Board in Ephrata.



**CAPT. DANIEL H. HERR**, mechanical engineer and patent solicitor, whose office is at Nos. 6 and 7 Lancaster Trust Company Building, is a veteran of the late war and one of the pioneers of Lancaster County. The Captain is a man of wide reading and intelligence who has had conferred upon him the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts from the Millersville Normal.

The paternal grandfather of D. H. Herr was Christian Herr, commonly known as Black Christ Herr in those days, and he died while still a young man. His father, Emanuel, was a farmer on the Conestoga River and traced his ancestry back to one Hans Herr, who came from the vicinity of Basel, Switzerland. Still more remote it is known that certain of the family were lords of the provinces in that land, and in time were much persecuted on account of being Protestants, and for that reason set sail for America. One of these rich ancestors materially helped the persecuted Hans Herr to come to a place of refuge and he became head of the colonization scheme. In 1709

one of his sons, a preacher, came over with a committee sent by the community of Mennonites which took up ten thousand acres of land, this being divided into tracts of five hundred and fifty acre farms. Any person who added £35 to the general fund received such a tract. Of the five sons of Hans Herr three brought their families with them, one settling in Lancaster Township, another at New Danville, and a third at Big Springs. Hans Herr made his home at the latter place and was head of this colony, with which he came in 1810. Our subject's grandfather married Catherine, only daughter of John Kauffman.

Daniel Herr, Sr., was born on the old homestead, where Ben Eshbach now lives. On arriving at manhood he married Susan M. Hornberger, who was born in the homestead on the Columbia Turnpike near the site of the old red tavern kept by her father. The latter's given name was Stephen and he was also born at the same place, being of German descent. His wife was a descendant of Henry Gross, one of the pioneers of Lancaster; he came from Wurtemberg, was a wealthy property owner here and was prominent in the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Susan Herr, who was born in 1812, died in 1875, aged sixty-three years. The father of our subject was for years engaged in farming on the Conestego Creek, afterwards selling the old farm, and later removing to Manheim Township, when he retired, making his home in Eden until his death in 1852, he being then forty-three years of age. Active in whatever pertained to the good of the community, schools, etc., he was a faithful and zealous worker in the Mennonite Church.

Captain Herr is the eldest of seven children surviving of his parents' family, which originally numbered ten; until 1853 he was mainly a resident of Manheim Township. At that time he went to Dayton, Ohio, being engaged in a dry-goods store for a short time, and afterward, during 1856 and 1857, was engaged in teaching school in this county. In April, 1857, he became a student in Millersville Normal School, graduating from the scientific course in the first class in 1858, and immediately became a teacher in the same institution. For a number of years, or until March, 1862, he was Professor of penmanship, drawing and

bookkeeping, making a successful teacher in these branches.

In the spring of 1862 the subject of this sketch, in company with Professor Byerly and David N. Fell, raised a company which was consolidated with Col. Emil Franklin's men, which together formed the One Hundred and Twenty-second Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers. The company raised by our subject was known as Company E. Professor Byerly was made Captain, our subject First Lieutenant, and David N. Fell Second Lieutenant of the company, in which were enrolled thirty-six of the Normal School students, and this company had the honor of carrying the regiment colors. Their term of enlistment was for nine months, and after taking part in the second battle of Bull Run were assigned to Whipple's Division in the defense of Washington and afterwards were transferred to General McClellan's command, joining the Army of the Potomac, and being placed in the Third Division of the Third Army Corps. In December, 1862, they were in the battle of Fredericksburg, and then with General Hooker at Chancellorsville, where General Whipple was shot. May 16, 1863, Captain Herr was mustered out at Harrisburg and then went to Philadelphia, and in Col. John Taggart's school assisted in training officers for colored troops. Afterwards going to Washington and passing General Casey's Board of Examination he was recommended by the Board for the grade of Lieutenant-Colonel, but accepted an appointment as Captain of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Regiment of colored troops, United States Volunteers, and was assigned to Company F, organized at Lexington, Ky. This regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac and took part in all the operations before Petersburg and Richmond.

During the summer of 1863, when Robert E. Lee made his raid into Pennsylvania, Governor Curtin issued a call for volunteers to serve during the emergency. Captain Herr, with several others, responded, raised a company and reported at Harrisburg, at which place six companies from Lancaster County and four from other parts of the state organized the Forty-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania militia. They were mustered into the

service of the state and of the United States to do duty wherever ordered. J. A. Wickersham, of the Pennsylvania State Normal School at Millersville, was made Colonel of the regiment, while the subject of this sketch was made Adjutant. This regiment did service with the reserved forces of the Army of the Potomac during the battle of Gettysburg, and followed General Lee's forces on their retreat to the banks of the Potomac River, after which they were sent to Miners' Hill, in Schuylkill County, to quell the miners' riots. Here they served until peace was restored and the regiment was sent to Reading and discharged. Captain Herr then returned to Lancaster. On the surrender of Lee the Twenty-fifth Army Corps was formed under General Weitzel and sent to Texas. Captain Herr was detailed by General Weitzel as Assistant Inspector-General stationed at Corpus Christi, Tex., until the spring of 1866, when the troops were discharged.

Returning to Lancaster, Captain Herr was a draftsman in the Norris Locomotive Works until they were closed, after which he was in business in Reading for ten years. Next going to Philadelphia he made that city his headquarters for some time while engaged as a commercial traveler. Being offered a position as teacher in the Mulberry Street Grammar School, he accepted the place, which he occupied during 1879 and 1880, and then taught school at Florin for the succeeding year. In 1881, once more becoming a resident of Lancaster, he became bookkeeper for Richard Blickenderfer and afterwards mechanical draftsman for D. H. Kulp. His inclinations and talents seeming to lead in that direction, the Captain began making patent drawings and succeeded so well that in 1890 he embarked in his present line of business, in which he is meeting with gratifying success.

In Philadelphia our subject was married in 1879 to Miss Emma Adams, born in Lebanon County, and they have one son, Paul A., who is a member of the high school Class of '95. Mrs. Herr's father, Jacob Adams, was a merchant tailor in Reading, later running a hotel in the same city, and in 1875 became a resident of the Quaker City. Captain Herr and his wife are members of the St. James'

Episcopal Church. He is a true blue Republican and a member of George H. Thomas Post No. 84, G. A. R.

Early in 1875 he was appointed Major and Aide-de-camp on the staff of Major-General Bolton, commanding the Twenty-ninth Division, Pennsylvania National Guards, with headquarters at Norristown. He did service during the railroad riots of 1876 and 1877, participating in the National Guard Encampment of ten days during the Centennial Exhibition of 1876 and remained with the National Guards until its re-organization into one division, as it now exists.



**W**ILLIAM PATTON was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1817, but came to America within a year after his birth. His father, James Patton, attempted to come to this country in 1812, but the hostilities between this and the Mother Country of that year were just about to begin, and the merchant vessel in which he had sailed was overhauled by an English man-of-war and he with his half-dozen companions was taken into custody. They were given the choice of either enlisting in the British army or going to prison. As Mr. Patton's ideas on the subject were firmly fixed, he refused to enlist and was imprisoned, but was afterwards released through the influence of leading officials. Soon after his release he married Ann Ramsey, of County Tyrone, Ireland, and in 1817, the date of his son William's birth, he again sailed for America, where upon arriving, he settled in West Goshen Township, Chester County, Pa. Six years later he purchased a farm near West Chester, where he resided until 1850, when he removed to Columbia and engaged in the lumber trade, his two sons, William and Scott, being associated in the enterprise. He died at his son William's residence in Columbia in 1883, at the ripe old age of ninety-five, having lived at Columbia all the intervening time with

the exception of three years, during which he lived in Erie.

Until he was twenty-two years old William Patton's time was spent on the farm, assisting his father in cultivating the soil and acquiring such educational advantages as the schools afforded. When the Philadelphia & Columbia Railroad (the first in Pennsylvania) was built, however, he was appointed State Agent, and relinquished his agricultural labors to accept the office. At the end of one year he resigned the position and entered the service of the road as a locomotive fireman. After three months' service in that capacity he volunteered to run an engine from Parkesburg to Columbia and performed the duty with such satisfaction that he was at once promoted to the position of engineer.

In 1841 Mr. Patton quit the service of the road and opened a forwarding house and lumber and coal yard at Fairview, Lancaster County, which business occupied all his energies until 1843, when he was again induced to enter the employ of the state as Train Dispatcher at Columbia, but he continued his business operations. The following year he associated his brother Scott in the enterprise and added a general mercantile business to it. This relation was maintained until 1852, when he abandoned merchandising and turned his attention to contracting. His first work in this line was the construction of the round-house at Columbia for the state, after which he built in turn the greater portion of the Huntingdon & Broad Top Railroad, and, in conjunction with others, eighty-two miles of the Western end of the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad, extending from Erie to the McKean County line, through the counties of Erie and Warren, and extending into Elk. In the construction of the Huntingdon & Broad Top Road he erected the once famous Stonerstown bridge, which spanned the Raystown branch of the Juniata River. It was a structure of two thousand feet in length, built of wood and masonry, and was, at the time, one of the most gigantic structures of the country.

In 1865 Mr. Patton gave up the business in which he had been so eminently successful, to engage in the more congenial and less hazardous

employment of manufacturing iron. In pursuance of this determination he became General Manager of the Susquehanna Iron Company, in Columbia, Pa., of which enterprise he has since been the head. In this time he has earned an enviable reputation. The Susquehanna Rolling Mill, under his management, has become one of the most successful establishments of its kind in the state, and has been properly styled the "Golden Argosy," on account of its uninterrupted prosperity. Of course it has had periods of depression and has shared with other establishments of its class the vicissitudes of business; but, taking its history as a whole, its success has been phenomenal, and this fact is attributable in large measure to the skill and intelligence of its manager. In all the quarter of a century of its existence, most of which time it was in operation night and day, there have been only two strikes of its employes, one of which was settled by arbitration, and the other by a determined and successful stand.

Mr. Patton has been largely identified with, and a liberal promoter of, the growth of Columbia, and takes just pride in his work in this direction. In addition to his iron interests he has been extensively engaged in building operations. Nor has he been unmindful of his duties as a citizen. Without ever soliciting office he has always been ready to serve his community in a public capacity when important interests for all would be thereby subserved. In the borough government he has occupied the position of Chief Burgess and has several times served in the School Board and in the Town Council. In every trust of this character he has given the most complete satisfaction and exhibited the same earnestness and intelligence he has shown in his private business. He has served as Director in several of the most prominent industrial, benevolent and financial institutions of the borough. He was President of the original Board of Trustees of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association, a Director of the First National Bank of Columbia, the Susquehanna Iron Company and of the Keeley Stove Works.

Mr. Patton is one of the oldest members of Columbia Lodge No. 286, F. & A. M., and is an ardent and honored member of the Methodist Epis-

copal Church. He has frequently represented the local organization in the conferences of this denomination, and in his local church government has been Class Leader, Steward, Trustee and Sunday-school Superintendent. He has contributed freely to all church undertakings and is a devoted friend of the cause of foreign missions.

Politically Mr. Patton is an earnest and steadfast Democrat, and though never an aspirant for office, has accepted such honorary positions as delegate to county, state and national conventions. He was a member of the conventions which nominated Horatio Seymour in 1868, and Grover Cleveland in 1884. During a temporary residence in Erie, in 1862, he was unanimously nominated for Congress in that district, but the death of his only son soon after the event so depressed him that he subsequently declined the nomination and removed to Columbia. He was nominated for the same office in Lancaster County in 1874, and, though he ran far beyond his party strength, his antagonist, Hon. A. Herr Smith, was elected.

In 1841 Mr. Patton married Susan, daughter of Joseph Withers, who died in 1884. She was a devout Christian and a devoted wife. The couple entertained lavishly at their magnificent residence in Columbia. The fruits of the union were eleven children, three of whom, Annie V., wife of William Hayes Grier; Josephine, and Clara, wife of DeWitt C. Denney, survive and reside in Columbia.

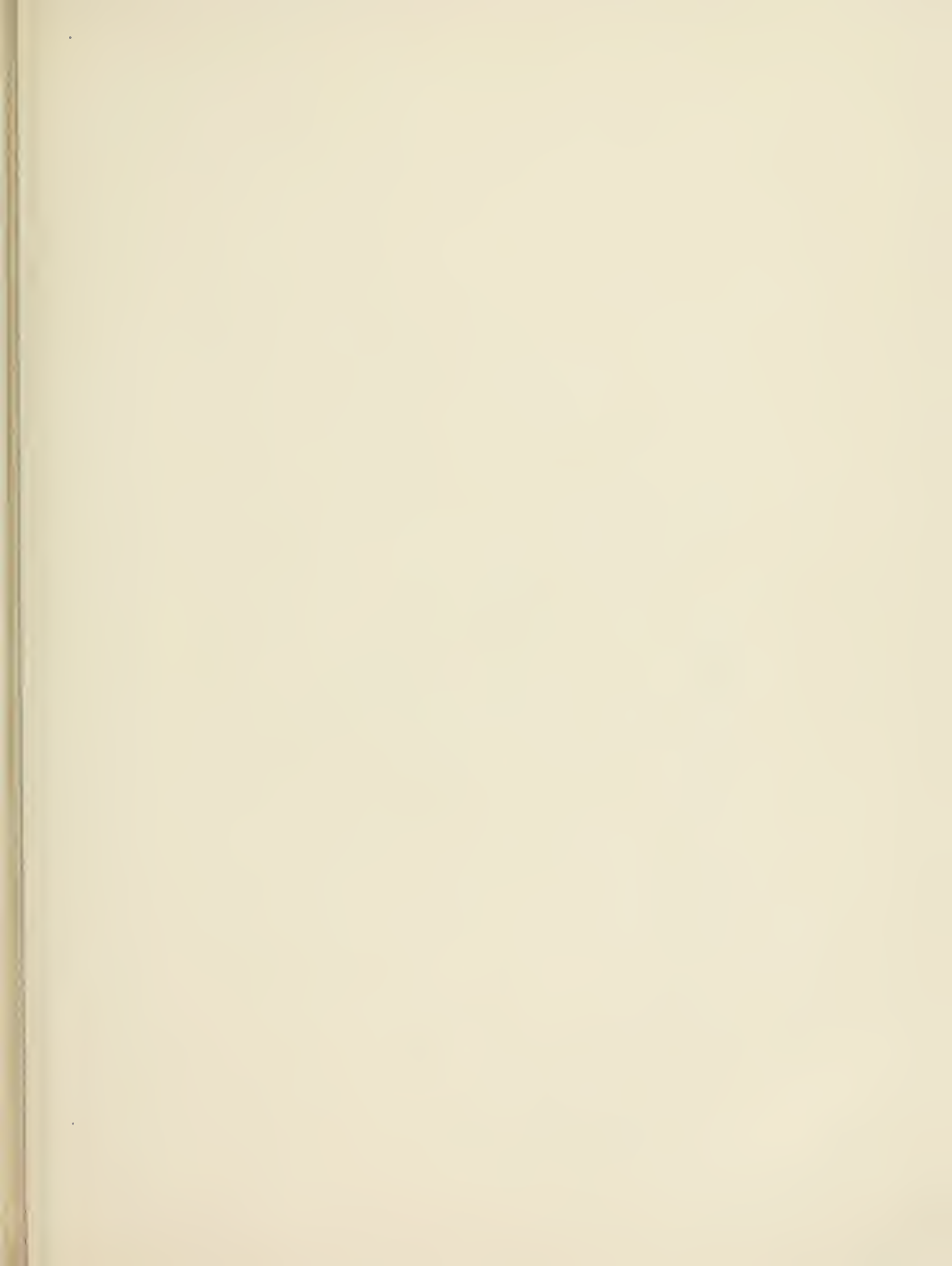


**P**ROF. WILLIAM WARD MOORE, A. M.  
To this gentleman is due the credit of making Franklin and Marshall Academy, of Lancaster, a success. In 1886 he and his estimable wife took charge of the institution, which then had enrolled only six pupils. It has constantly grown and now numbers sixty-three students. As the name of the academy indicates, it stands in close connection with Franklin and Marshall College

and partakes of all the advantages, both in point of location and general management, of that noted place of learning. The object of the academy is to provide a preparatory school for Franklin and Marshall College, but the standard of instruction is so high that students are prepared for any other first-class college in the United States. Professor Moore was born in McConnellstown, Huntingdon County, Pa., December 24, 1849. His paternal grandfather, Charles Moore, was a native of Ireland, was a farmer by occupation, and in religious faith was a Presbyterian. The Professor's father, Thomas Moore, was like him a native of McConnellstown. He died in 1884, when in his sixty-fifth year. His wife, who was of Irish descent, before her marriage bore the name of Sarah Dunn. By their union were born three sons and a daughter, but only one of the family survives.

Until seventeen years of age the Professor continued to reside in and near McConnellstown and then became a student in Kishacoquillas Academy and Williamsport Seminary, then pursued his studies in Mercersburg College, where he completed the Freshman year and in 1872 entered the Sophomore Class of Franklin and Marshall College. In 1873 he commenced his career as a teacher in Huntingdon County and continued there for several years. In 1877 he went to Linn County, Iowa, and became Principal of a school in Wyoming, Jones County, a short time afterwards. In 1880 he returned to this state and was offered the principalship of Lumber City Academy, a position he held for a year.

In August, 1886, Professor Moore located in Lancaster, where he had been appointed as Rector of Franklin and Marshall Academy. He has four assistant teachers and is meeting with an encouraging degree of success in the management of the school. He has charge of several of the higher classes, being Professor of Mathematics, Latin and Greek. By a recent action of the Board of Trustees, ladies are entitled to admission into the regular classes and are granted all advantages afforded the other sex. In 1887 Professor Moore received the degree of Master of Arts from Franklin and Marshall College. Mrs. Moore is Matron in the academy, is a most excellent and deserving lady





A. H. HERSHEY.



and endeavors to make the resident students feel at home and that she is specially interested in their welfare.

The marriage of Professor Moore was celebrated in Lisbon, Iowa, February 6, 1879, with Miss Ada Douglass, who was born in the same town as was her husband. Her paternal great-grandfather was a native of Scotland, who, on his coming to America, settled in central Pennsylvania and was one of the pioneer teachers. Her grandfather followed the calling of a blacksmith in McConnellstown, near which place Mrs. Moore's father, Joseph Douglass, was also born. He was a merchant for many years in that place and died in December, 1882. His wife, formerly Nancy Johnston, was born in the same locality as was her father, James Johnston. He was a farmer by occupation and a soldier in the War of 1812. Mrs. Douglass died in April, 1889, leaving five children to mourn her loss, two others having preceded her to the better land. Professor and Mrs. Moore have two children, Ralph D. and Carl B. In his political faith our subject uses his influence and ballot in favor of the Prohibition party.



**A**NDREW H. HERSHEY, Sheriff of Lancaster County, is acceptably discharging the duties of the office, and the people are well satisfied with his manner of conducting affairs. Aside from his official position he is one of the most successful and prominent business men of the county, being the proprietor of a general store at Cordelia, and having an extensive trade as a coal and lumber merchant. He was born in East Hempfield, April 9, 1850, and is the son of John L. and the grandson of Andrew Hershey, natives of the above township, where they were farmers by occupation. The former was also the owner of a coal yard in Petersburg, and was a fine example of the self-made man. He departed this life in 1891, when in the seventy-third year of his age.

The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Hanlen, was born in Petersburg,

East Hempfield Township, and departed this life when sixty-three years old. She was the mother of seven children, all of whom are living. Andrew H., of this sketch, was the recipient of a good education, and when twenty-five years of age started a coal and lumber yard at Petersburg. In 1876, in company with his father, he opened a coal and lumber yard, of which he assumed the entire management. The following year another brother purchased the interest of the father in the business, and in addition to trading in lumber and coal the brothers began handling leaf tobacco extensively, and also raised that weed on land which they owned. Mr. Hershey is still interested in the yard and the tobacco warehouse in Petersburg.

In 1888 the original of this sketch removed to the village of Cordelia, in West Hempfield Township, and opening up a large stock of general merchandise, did a paying business from the first. The postoffice was located in his establishment and he succeeded in having one of his clerks appointed Postmaster. In the fall of 1893 he removed from Cordelia to Mountville, but, as above stated, still maintains his business interests in the former village. He is a stockholder and Director of the People's National Bank of Lancaster, stockholder in the Northern National Bank of this city, and in the Agricultural Implement Factory at Mountville.

In 1890, upon the Republican ticket, Mr. Hershey was elected a member of the Board of Prison Inspectors, and the first year served as its Secretary, one year officiated as Treasurer, and during the last year of his service was President of the Board. In the spring of 1893 he was the successful candidate for the office of Sheriff, being nominated by a majority of nineteen hundred and forty-nine votes over his three competitors, and in November following was elected by over eight thousand majority. In January of 1894 he took the oath of office. To aid him in carrying out the law he has three deputies, namely: Chief Deputy A. L. Gallagher, M. B. Dissinger and F. W. Hall. He is a man well-qualified by natural gifts for his responsible position, the duties of which he discharges in a manner highly satisfactory to his fellow-citizens.

January 2, 1877, Mr. Hershey was united in mar-

riage with Miss Salinda B., only child of John M. Kauffman, of East Hempfield Township. An influential Republican, our subject has served as a member of the County Committee and has borne an honorable part in the civic life of his county. He stands high in the various social orders to which he belongs, being connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Columbia, and the Mystic Chain in Mountville. He is well known as one of the prosperous business men of the community, and his many fine qualities of head and heart have placed him high in the regard of his fellow-men.



**B**ERNARD J. McGRANN. The native born citizens of Lancaster County have come rapidly to the front in various lines of work. The gentleman above named is one of the shrewdest and most intelligent business men in Lancaster, worthily representing an honored ancestry. He is the son of Richard and Alice (Sheridan) McGrann, and was born in Manheim Township, on the New Holland Pike, June 24, 1837. This farm is located just one mile northeast of Lancaster, where Mr. McGrann makes his home, although his business interests are centered in the city.

The father of our subject was a native of Ireland, having been born in County Cavan, and in 1819 emigrated to America. He had been married three years previously to Miss Sheridan, who was also a native of County Cavan, and on arriving in this country engaged in railroad contracting. Later, however, he was largely interested in the banking business in Lancaster and owned the estate on which our subject now resides. In politics Richard McGrann was a staunch Democrat and always manifested great interest in the success of his party.

The father of our subject departed this life October 14, 1867, and the community learned of his death with great sorrow. He was one of the oldest

and best railroad contractors in the state, having entered into his first work in 1820. In the conduct of that work he showed himself to be industrious, energetic and honest. He gradually acquired wealth, and in 1857 he established a banking house in Lancaster. He was very successful, and always noted for his liberality and genial disposition. During the entire period of his life in this state Mr. McGrann was in some way connected with most of the public improvements, and when such a man departed he left a void not easily supplied.

The parental family of our subject included four sons and three daughters, namely: Richard, Bridget, Elizabeth, John, Alice, Patrick and Bernard J. Alice became the wife of John McGonigle, who was four times Mayor of Lancaster. All the members of the family with the exception of our subject are deceased. The mother of these children, who was a devout member of the Catholic Church, departed this life in 1848.

Bernard J., of this sketch, was the recipient of a fine education, having completed his higher studies in Mt. St. Mary's College at Emmetsburg, Md. On the death of his honored father he succeeded to the banking business, and for a number of years thereafter was extensively engaged in railroad work, building many of the important roads, among them the Catawissa extension from Milton to Williamsburg, the Delaware & Boundbrook, including the bridge across the Delaware River, and the Pittsburg & Erie from the former city to Youngstown, Ohio, a distance of some seventy miles. He located that road and completed it, turning it over to the company in one year, which was the shortest length of time in which a road of that length had been constructed in that day. The great railway bridge crossing the Ohio River at Beaver Point is part of this line.

On the death of his father our subject became a partner in the Reed, McGrann & Co. Banking House in Lancaster, a reliable institution commanding a splendid business. Mr. McGrann is a member of the Catholic Church and an ardent Democrat in politics. He was brought prominently before the public as candidate for the office of State Treasurer and was a delegate to the conven-

tion which nominated General Hancock for President.

January 3, 1872, Bernard J. McGrann was united in marriage with Miss Mary Frances, daughter of Philip Daugherty, of Harrisburg, this state, and to them have been born two sons, Richard P. and Frank.



**H**ENRY N. HOWELL, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of Lancaster, is very much interested in the success of the system, and has made a study of the best in use by the large cities. Under his supervision the Fire Department has been brought into excellent working order, and few cities of the size have better facilities and fewer disastrous conflagrations.

The birth of our subject occurred in this city April 17, 1849, he being a son of Charles M. Howell, a native of Philadelphia. His great-grandfather, Amos Howell, owned the ferry at Trenton, and had the honor of carrying over the Delaware River General Washington and some of his troops during the Revolutionary War. The family is of Scotch descent, and Amos, Jr., the grandfather of our subject, was born in the Quaker City and was engaged in the manufacture of coaches at the corner of Eighth and Arch Streets. Charles M. Howell was a mason and marble cutter, which trade he learned in Philadelphia. About 1813 he settled in Lancaster and opened a place of business on East King Street, where he remained for several years. He then removed to the location where the business is continued in his name by his son Henry. His shop and yards are at No. 135 North Queen Street, and a specialty is made of fine monuments. Many of the most valuable and largest pieces of work in this line have been done at this place, which is one of the oldest in the city. The father served for a term of three years as County Treasurer, being elected on the Democratic ticket, the only instance of the kind in the history of this county. For two terms he also served as City

Treasurer. In the First Presbyterian Church, to which he belongs, he has been a Trustee and an active member. He is very fond of skating, and to this day is noted for his skill in this sport as a fancy skater. His wife, Elizabeth, was born at the Michael House, now known as the American House, in Lancaster. She is the daughter of John and Elizabeth Michael, the former of whom was proprietor of the Michael or Grape Hotel in former years, and continued in the hotel business until his death. He was of German descent and an adherent of the Lutheran faith. Mrs. Howell died October 22, 1877, leaving three children, two having preceded her to the better land. F. R. Howell is engaged in the marble business in this city, and Sallie P. became the wife of Rev. D. Lefever, a minister in the Reformed Church at Littlestown, Pa.

Henry N. Howell received a good public school education, which was supplemented by a course of study in Franklin and Marshall College, which he entered in 1867, and was there a student until the close of his Sophomore year. With his father he then turned his attention to learning marble cutting, lettering, carving and other branches of the business. He remained employed at that trade until February, 1882, when the present fire company was organized. From his seventeenth year he was a member of the Volunteer Fire Company, holding different positions, and was promoted to be Chief Engineer of the department, after serving as assistant for a year and a-half. When the present system was inaugurated he was elected by the Council to be Chief Engineer, and held that place for three and a-fourth years, during which time a new engine house was built. Upon a change of administration he resigned his position, and for the next seven years was engaged as formerly, in the marble business. In 1892 he was re-elected by the Council for a term of three years, and is now discharging the duties of the position. Under his superintendence there are five companies of men, with three single and one double fire engine stations, which have five steamers and other supplies. The city water works furnish an abundance of water for the putting out of fires, and the call system is in use. From last year's report it appears

that there were only thirty-six fires where the loss amounted to much of anything, and the entire fire loss was very light. Mr. Howell organized the Pompier Corps, a life-saving society, of which there are very few in the United States.

In 1885 Mr. Howell married Anna M. Burger, who was born and reared in this city, and who is the daughter of Henry Burger, a contractor. Two children, a son and a daughter, have come to grace the union of our subject and his estimable wife, respectively, Henry B. and Ethyl E. Mr. Howell is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of this city, to which his wife also belongs. For the purpose of extending his knowledge and fraternal intercourse he became a member of the National Association of Fire Engineers of the United States, and met with them at their Long Branch and Chicago conventions. Politically Mr. Howell uses his right of franchise in favor of the Democracy.



**W**ILLIAM HUGHES LOWELL, D. D. S., has a very large patronage in Lancaster and is engaged in practice at No. 10 East Orange Street. In everything pertaining to his work he is practical and fully abreast of the times, bringing to bear upon it excellent judgment, extended knowledge and more than ordinary common sense. Probably in few branches have there been such wonderful discoveries and progress as in dental surgery, and the Doctor has been a student since becoming identified with the profession.

A native of Frederick City, Md., Dr. Lowell was born September 7, 1861, and is of Irish descent on the paternal side. His great-grandfather Lowell came to this country from County Armagh, Ireland, landing in Quebec, but soon afterward located in Frederick City, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was a railroad contractor and was employed on the construction of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. His son, the grandfather of our subject, was also born in Ireland, received a fair

education and was a general contractor. He came to the United States when young, was married on attaining his maturity, and lived all his life thereafter in Frederick City. He was a member of the Catholic Church, and his wife, who also belonged to the congregation, was before her marriage to him Mrs. (McMahan) Hughes.

James P. Lowell, the father of our subject, was born in Frederick City, Md., April 7, 1837. He has a sister, Catherine, living in Lancaster, she being the wife of A. A. Meyers, a tailor. James Lowell learned the trade of an iron molder, and his main work in life has been in the iron business, taking contracts and being the owner of shops in different parts of the country. The last one that he operated was situated at Waynesboro, Pa., but now he is working on contracts, employing about eighty men. He is a staunch Democrat and was Postmaster under Cleveland's first administration, having been a leader in the party while a resident of Waynesboro. By his marriage with Mary Catherine Trice, he had seven children, William H. being the eldest, and the others as follows: Agnes; Blanche, now Mrs. H. C. Henneberger; Charles, deceased; Arthur, Grace and Josephine.

William H. Lowell received his primary education in the public schools of Lincoln, Loudoun County, Va., and learned the machinist's trade in the shops of his father at Waynesboro, serving a regular apprenticeship of three years. On completing his trade he worked for two years as a journeyman and then took up the study of dentistry with a tutor. In 1886, after taking a course of instruction, he was graduated from the University of Maryland at Baltimore, from the Dentistry Department, and at once engaged in practice in this city where he is still located. He numbers among his patients the very best class of people of this locality, and is making admirable progress in his work. He is a member of the Harris Dental Association, the State Dentist Society and the International Medical Congress. The Doctor always attends the important conventions of dentists, and was present at their congress in Chicago during the World's Fair.

October 15, 1892, Dr. Lowell was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Rhoades, who has since passed away. She was a daughter of H. Z. Rhoades,

one of the pioneers of Lancaster, and was a lady of good education and many qualities which endeared her to all.

Religiously our subject is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the beneficial societies connected therewith. A leading young Democrat, he is Vice-President of the Young Men's Club and socially belongs to several German singing societies.



**HENRY F. HARTMAN.** The German-American citizens form a very important element in the population of Lancaster County, where they are known as law-abiding and progressive men, devoted to the interests of their adopted home. One of their number is the subject of this sketch, who is engaged in the lime business in Witmer, where his kilns are located.

Our subject was born in Bavaria, Germany, January 20, 1831, and received his education in his native land. In September, 1849, thinking to better his condition in the New World, of which he had so often heard such glowing accounts, he embarked on a vessel which landed him in this country after a tedious voyage of some weeks.

Prior to coming hither, our subject served in the German army in the rebellion of 1849. He had learned the trade of a painter in his native land, but on making his home in America commenced to work out on farms in the Empire State. He remained there for a year, when we find him located in Berlinton, N. J. After a twelvemonth in the employ of different men, young Hartman purchased forty-three acres of land, and there followed farming for four or five years. At the expiration of that time he sold his New Jersey property and, coming to this state in 1861, bought his first farm in this county. It comprised only eight acres, however, but to this Mr. Hartman added until he now has a thirty-three-acre tract, well improved in every particular. On it is located his lime kilns, and in the manufacture of this material he gives

employment to ten men and runs three teams. He does about \$7,000 worth of business each year, and sells his lime in Lancaster and Philadelphia. It is of a very superior quality, and is greatly in demand by builders in the larger cities.

Mr. Hartman votes the Democratic ticket and upholds its principles with fidelity. In 1885 he was elected County Commissioner, holding the office for a term of three years. Socially, he belongs to Lancaster Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., also to the Chapter and Commandery. He also belongs to the Schiller Society, a German Benevolent Society of Lancaster.

Our subject in 1857 was married to Miss Catherine Krantz, also a native of Bavaria. By her union with Mr. Hartman there were born nine children, of whom Lizzie and Henry are deceased. Chris was killed in 1890 on the railroad; Anna is the wife of John Road; Katie married J. D. Long; and David, Jacob and John are single. Our subject is a member of the Mennonite Church, and at all times and on all occasions it is his aim to do what he considers his duty as a citizen.



**ELMER K. SHAUB, D. V. S.,** is a very clever and enterprising young physician, and in company with his father, an old and experienced veterinary surgeon, has the largest practice in this line in Lancaster County. Dr. E. K. Shaub was born in Willow Street, of this county, April 23, 1868, and his boyhood was principally passed in the city of Lancaster, where he was graduated from the high school in 1887.

On beginning his medical studies, Dr. Shaub entered the American College of Veterinary Surgery in New York City, where he pursued the required course, and was graduated in 1890 with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Surgery. Returning to Lancaster, he embarked on his career in company with his father, but in the fall went to Coatesville, Chester County, where he remained until January,

1894, and succeeded in building up a good reputation for practical and correct knowledge of the best methods used by leading surgeons. Since the first of the year he has been once more associated with his father, and now makes a specialty of veterinary dentistry, in which he is succeeding admirably. The veterinary stable or hospital is well equipped with padded box stalls and everything necessary in most convenient shape. The young Doctor is a Republican in politics, and is a very clever and popular member of society, rapidly winning friends, and what is even more, possessing the faculty of retaining them.

J. C. Shaub, D. V. S., who has long been considered one of the ablest practitioners of Lancaster, was born in Lampeter Township, June 3, 1843. His father, Christian W., was a native of the same township, having been born in Big Springs Hotel. The grandfather of the Doctor, whose given name was Christian, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to the United States with his wife, settling near Big Springs, Lampeter Township. He was a very wealthy farmer, owning a place of about two hundred acres, and having large sums of money invested in various concerns and enterprises. He was somewhat of a veterinary surgeon, being very practical in his ideas. In religious faith he was a Mennonite, and his death occurred on his homestead at the age of fifty-four years. His wife, Anna Witmer before her marriage, was born in Germany, though her parents were natives of Sweden, and her death occurred in this county.

The Doctor's father was a successful farmer and speculator. Though at one time he was worth \$100,000, he lost it in three months' time by going security for a certain party. He then returned to his profession, that of veterinary surgery, and also conducted his farm until he was called from his labors in May, 1893, when in his seventy-seventh year. He was an active Republican, and religiously held to the faith of his father. On arriving at maturity he married Miss Mary, daughter of Samuel Shroad, who was born and reared in Ireland. He was a Catholic, but in his later years he became a Protestant. By trade a tailor, he was very successful as a hotel-keeper. He died at New Danville in 1874, when about sixty-eight years of age.

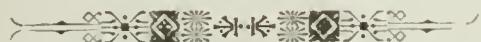
His wife, formerly Margaret Gast, was born in Rotterdam. Mrs. Shaub resides at Willow Street and is now nearly sixty-nine years of age. Of her ten children who grew to maturity and who are now living, the Doctor is the eldest.

From his early youth Dr. Shaub was very fond of horses, and was considered the finest horseback rider in the country, his services being always in requisition for breaking and training the noble animals. At the age of sixteen he started out in life for himself as a clerk in Boer's book store. At the end of nine months he began traveling, giving exhibitions in riding in Cleveland, Indianapolis, Chicago, San Francisco and other places. While in Indianapolis he attended for two sessions a private veterinary school, and returned to complete the course after making an ocean voyage to Mexico and Florida. In 1863 he volunteered his services in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, and was on duty in Virginia, where he participated in a number of skirmishes. At the end of a year he was mustered out, and then re-enlisted in May, 1864, in the Pennsylvania militia, mounted infantry, and received his final discharge in October of the same year.

On beginning his active practice, Dr. Shaub returned to his birthplace, and for a while was with his father in the business. Afterwards he practiced alone there for a number of years and raised some high grade horses, buying and selling also. In the spring of 1879 he came to Lancaster, and has since been engaged in practice. He makes a specialty of veterinary dentistry, and his time is fully taken up with the large number of cases that are placed under his care. His veterinary hospital is located at No. 44 Market Street, and he is frequently called to the neighboring counties of York, Chester, Berks and Lebanon. In other years he sometimes went even into northern Maryland, but now his duties are nearer home. For eleven out of fourteen years past he has been City Veterinarian, which fact shows what a reputation he bears as master of his calling.

The residence of Dr. Shaub is on North Queen Street, and in this city he was married in June, 1866, to Miss Catherine Kautz, by whom he has

had six children: Elmer, Jacob, Mary K., Venette K., Viola K. and Mabel K. The two sons are following their father's occupation, the younger being now a student in the Washington Veterinary College. In his political affiliations the Doctor is a staunch Republican.



**T**HOMAS BAUMGARDNER is one of the oldest business men and early settlers of Lancaster, and is now in the employ of his nephew, Henry K., who is proprietor of the B. B. Martin Lumber and Coal Yards. He was a pioneer in the coal business of Pennsylvania, having built the first colliery in the Shamokin Valley. He managed to acquire a comfortable fortune, which he was so unfortunate as to lose about three years ago on account of going security for parties who proved to be irresponsible.

A native of York County, Pa., our subject was born December 20, 1816, being a son of Thomas Baumgardner, whose history appears in the sketch of his son, Henry K., to be found elsewhere in this volume. Until thirteen years of age Thomas attended the common schools of his birthplace, when, though so young, he was obliged to begin his active career in life. Since that time he has been active and industrious in all the intervening years, being a man of enterprise and industrious habits. For five years he was a clerk at Carlisle, Pa., in the store of Thomas E. Lane, and in March, 1835, cast in his lot with the inhabitants of Lancaster. For the first year and a-half he was a clerk for Henry P. Carson, later becoming a partner in the business. This connection existed until 1840, when our subject purchased a piece of land at the corner of North Queen and Center Streets, and there engaged in mercantile business on his own account for the succeeding twelve years. However, as early as 1842 he began his ventures in the coal business, his sales reaching as high as one thousand tons per annum. The coal was brought by way

of the Susquehanna River in canal and flat boats as far as Columbia. Subsequently his brother Henry became a partner in the concern, and still later his son John H. was admitted to the firm. The two last named are now sole proprietors of the business. This firm had only one predecessor in the city in this line of trade, a Robert Johnson, who had started in a small way some five years previous. Our subject was the first shipper of anthracite coal from the Shamokin Valley to Boston, it being transferred to Delaware City by canal and river. In former years he was also interested in the sand industry in Lewistown, Pa., and also in the iron business in Virginia.

In 1811 Mr. Baumgardner was one of the originators of the cotton mill industries of Lancaster, and contributed largely in the construction of several plants. In past years he took an active part in many of the local and general industries and improvements, having been a Director in the Philadelphia and Sunbury Railroad, the Lancaster County Bank, the City Bank, the Lancaster Savings Institution, the Northumberland County Bank, the Lancaster Fire Insurance Company and the Reading & Columbia Railroad Company. After using his influence for obtaining a charter from the State Legislature he succeeded in building the railroad in 1868, which was sold soon afterward to the Reading Railroad Company. A year later he was a prime mover and the principal owner in the Junction & Breakwater Railroad in Delaware, subsequently sold to the Old Dominion Steamship Company. At one time he was President of the Enterprise Coal Company, and in company with his brother Henry and nephew John H. and five other citizens of Lancaster, built the city gas works. This in brief is the history of the many and varied business ventures of this truly remarkable man, and his fellow-citizens will probably never realize how large a share he has taken in the upbuilding and general prosperity of this now flourishing city.

March 5, 1840, Mr. Baumgardner married Miss Susan Ann, daughter of John and Ann M. (Boyer) Hoff, all of this city. Of this union have been born the following children: Mary E., Mrs. Eberman, of Lancaster; John H., who is represented

elsewhere in this work; Ellen L., wife of James Patterson; Margueretta A., wife of Wilson H. Jenkins, a practicing attorney at Camden, Del.; Susan A., Mrs. F. R. Howell, of Lancaster; David L., deceased, and Eliza A., who became the wife of Paul Gerhart, of this city. The Hoff family originated in Westerburg, Germany, and the grandfather of Mrs. Baumgardner, John G. Hoff, was one of the early settlers of Lancaster. His son, John, was a watch and clock maker by trade, and later became Cashier of the Farmers' Bank.



**C**HRISTIAN WISE, senior member of the firm of C. Wise & Bro., is a very successful and enterprising business man and was formerly a member of the Common Council of Lancaster. During the War of the Rebellion he donned the blue and went to the defense of the Union, and during his arduous service received severe wounds on two different occasions.

The birth of Christian Wise occurred in Baden, Germany, December 18, 1845, he being a son of Adam Wise, whose history is given in the biography of John V. Wise. Our subject was only one and a-half years old when his parents left the Fatherland on a sailing-vessel, and after forty-five days upon the Atlantic landed in Baltimore. The boyhood of the lad was passed in Lancaster, where for a time he attended the common schools, but was early set to work in a brickyard. He attended school during the winters for some years and at that time also learned cigar making. February 25, 1864, he enlisted in Company C, Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, being mustered in at Philadelphia and sent to the front. With the Army of the Potomac he participated in the battles of the

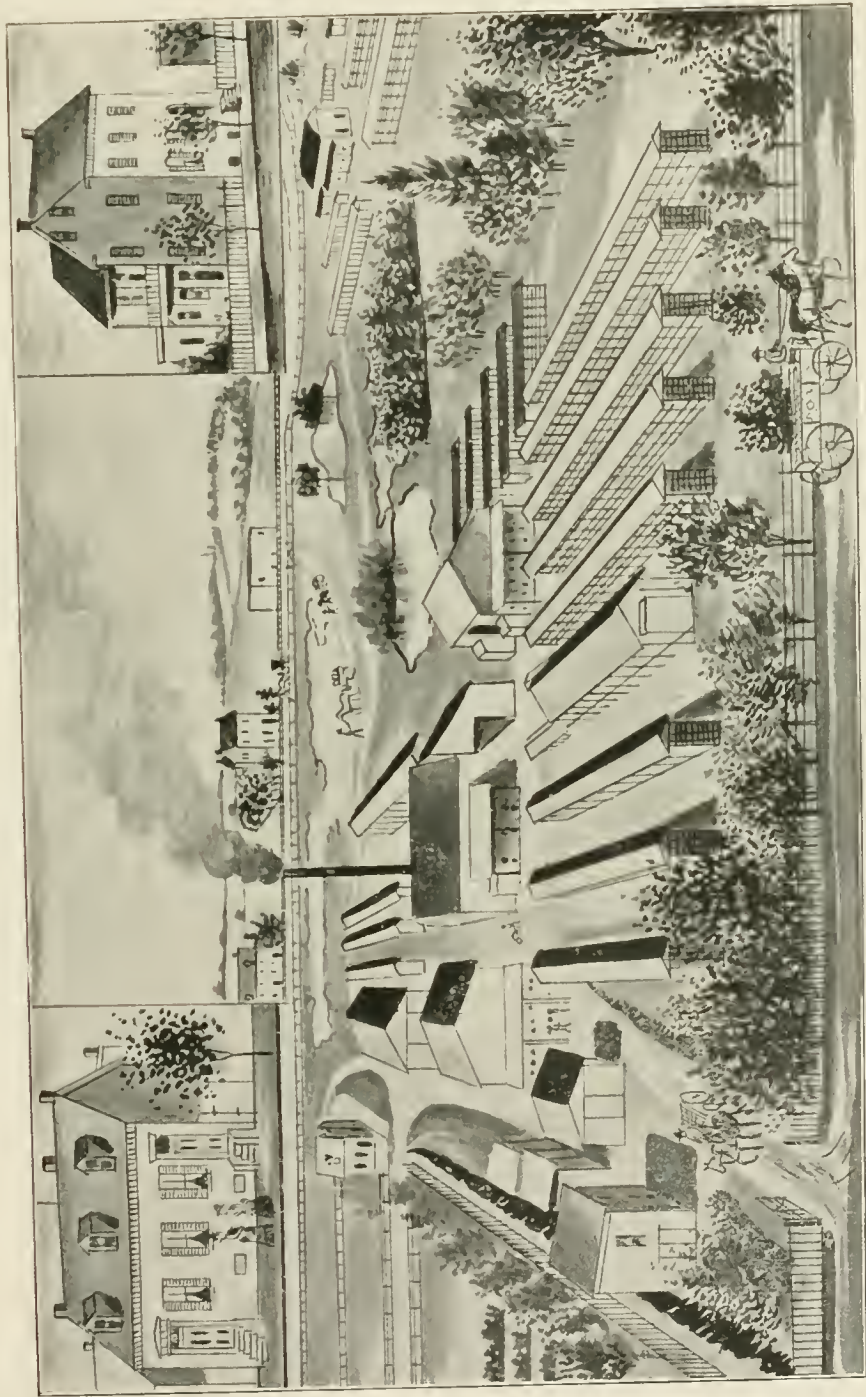
Wilderness, Spottsylvania and Cold Harbor, and the siege of Petersburg. Afterward he was transferred to the Army of the James, being under General Butler until the surrender at Appomattox Court House. July 4, 1864, while on picket duty near Petersburg, on the Richmond & Norfolk Railroad, he was wounded, a bullet passing through his right cheek and coming out at the back of the neck. He was sent home on a furlough, but when less than a month had elapsed was again on duty with his regiment, of which he became Corporal. While near Petersburg, June 17, 1864, he received a buckshot wound in the left knee. His final discharge occurred in February, 1866, at City Point, Va.

On his return from the south Christian Wise was for a time employed in the cigar trade, and in 1870 entered into partnership with his father and brother to embark in the brick business, to which he has since given all his energies. The brick-yards and kilns are finely equipped with modern machinery and appliances and turn out larger products than any other concern in the city. A more extended and detail account of the plant is given in the sketch of John V. Wise, the other member of the firm.

About 1869 Mr. Wise served as a member of the City Council for one term, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. He is very active in the ranks of his party and has frequently served as Judge of Elections and on the petit juries. In the spring of 1881 he went to Chesterfield County, Va., there engaging in general farming until the fall of 1882, when he returned to this city. Socially he belongs to Monterey Lodge, I. O. O. F., and to the Knights of Pythias.

The pleasant residence of Mr. Wise, which is located on St. Joseph Street, is a substantial brick structure and was erected by the owner. He was married in August, 1866, to a native daughter of Lancaster, Miss Emma Pyle, whose father, Frederick Pyle, was formerly a distiller of this place. Seven children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Wise: Emma, Adam, Frederick, Mamie, Louisa, Kate and Minnie. The eldest daughter is the wife of John K. Warren, of Lancaster, and the two eldest sons are in business with their father. The





C. WISE & BRO.'S BRICK YARDS, CORNER MANOR AND PROSPECT STREETS, LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA.



family are members of St. John's Reformed Church, in which our subject has served both as Elder and Deacon.



**J**OHAN V. WISE is President of the Select Council of Lancaster and one of the leading members of the local Democracy. In company with his brother, he is a successful brick manufacturer and has displayed good business ability in the management of his financial enterprises. A veteran of the late Civil War, he was one of the youngest soldiers who were received into the service from this region, and his patriotism has been manifested also in times of peace.

Mr. Wise was born on Mulberry Street of this city, the date of the event being June 10, 1819. His father, Adam Wise, was born in Baden, Germany, and there learned the weaver's trade. After his marriage to Catherine Meister, a native of the same province, he emigrated to America, arriving in this city in April, 1817. For a time he was employed in unloading coal at Engleside, on the Conestoga, and afterward engaged in the manufacture of brick with George Kautz, of whom he learned the business. In 1871 he embarked in the same line of trade for himself, being assisted by his sons, and continued his operations until his death, March 4, 1875, when he had nearly attained his fifty-eighth year. His wife, who is now seventy-six years of age, is still living in Lancaster. Her father, Lanhait Meister, came to America and died here when about eighty-two years old. Adam Wise was politically a Democrat, and was a member of the Reformed Church. Of his eleven children, only three grew to maturity. Christian is in partnership with our subject, and has also been a member of the City Council; John V. is the second in order of birth of those living, and Louisa, Mrs. Beuman, resides in Lancaster.

After receiving good public school advantages in Lancaster, John V. Wise volunteered his services

and enlisted in Company K, of the Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, March 6, 1865. Being mustered into the service for one year he was sent to the west, then to Tennessee, and later to Texas by way of New Orleans, remaining in that state until December. While in the Crescent City he was for some weeks very sick in the hospital and was allowed to go home on a furlough. His company was mustered out in Philadelphia while he was in the north, and therefore he was discharged on a special order. For nearly a year he was unable to engage in active work, and then began his career as a cigar maker. After a time he took up the brick making business and has continued in this line, meeting with good success. The firm was first Adam Wise & Sons, and after the father's death became C. Wise & Bro. The works are located on the corner of Manor and Prospect Streets, the yards covering twelve acres. They have three kilns and manufacture about three million and a-half brick per year. The plant is equipped with a thirty horse-power engine and modern brick machinery and when running at full force affords employment to upwards of forty men. Besides putting out ordinary brick they have also considerable demand for pressed brick and hand molded varieties. The clay used is of a very fine quality, and the concern is the largest in the county.

June 23, 1872, Mr. Wise married Margaret Kroft, of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, whose father, Phillip, also a native of that province, came to America in 1853, and was one of the pioneer shoemakers in Lancaster. He is still living in this city and is yet active in the Lutheran Church, to which he has belonged for many years. His wife, whose maiden name was Anna L. Fritz, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, and died when in her fifty-eighth year. Mrs. Wise is the eldest of six children, only four of whom are yet living.

On several occasions John V. Wise has attended the Democratic State Convention, and in 1882 was elected as a Select Councilman from the Eighth Ward. Since that time he has been re-elected every two years and has served on the principal committees. In 1892 he was elected President of the Select Council, and was re-elected the following year. During this time the new water works

and pumping station on Conestoga Creek was erected, the electric railroad and electric lights works built and street grading and other improvements were inaugurated. Socially Mr. Wise is a Knight of Pythias and a member of the Maennerchor organization. In religion he is a member of the Reformed German Church.



**A**NTHONY ISKE, who is sometimes termed the Edison of Lancaster, is a man of decided mechanical and inventive genius, and with his son Albert has invented and perfected over two hundred useful articles. He is a man of good business ability and bears a high reputation among his fellow-townsmen for honesty of purpose and straightforward conduct in everything he undertakes. The Iske family, several generations ago, lived in Poland, and at the time of the Revolution in that unfortunate country, our subject's grandfather went to France. He was a painter and decorator by occupation.

Joseph Iske, the father of our subject, was born in Alsace, France, and on attaining manhood devoted his life to mechanics, being a machinist of ability. He was a Catholic in religion, dying in the faith of that church about 1833. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of Antoine Wassmer, who followed the trade of cabinet-making and lived to the advanced age of ninety-eight years. Mrs. Iske, who was, like her father, a native of Alsace, lived to become eighty-two years of age, and her mother also died in very old age, being in her ninety-sixth year at the time of her demise. Three brothers and three sisters of our subject grew to mature years and are still living, but only two of the number have come to America. John is a cabinet-maker in Hamilton County, Ohio.

Our subject was born in Dambach, Alsace, France, April 28, 1832, and in that city acquired a good French and German education, being for a year a student in the high school. When a youth of

fourteen he was apprenticed to learn the cabinet-maker's trade under his Grandfather Wassmer. At the end of four years he assumed charge of the business, which he conducted for a couple of years. The work put out by this firm was of a very fine quality, comprising skilled carving, gilding and inlaying, and one of their specialties was the manufacture of altars. In 1853 Mr. Iske received a letter from a priest in Lancaster advising him to come to America, as a church was being constructed and a skilled workman would be required to do the fine carving and decorating in the interior. Acting on this suggestion Mr. Iske set sail for the United States from Havre and arrived in New York after forty-five days on the high seas. The lady who afterward became his wife was on the same ship and they landed in the great metropolis on the celebration of the birthday of the land that was henceforth to be theirs by adoption. It happened that our subject did not go to Lancaster, N. Y., but instead came to Lancaster, Pa., and as St. Joseph's Church was being constructed here, he obtained plenty of employment for nearly two years. He constructed three altars and a pulpit, plentifully decorated with carving and gilding. For five years Mr. Iske continued in this particular branch of work and built an altar pulpit twenty-five feet high for St. August's Church of Pittsburg, which he duly delivered, and also made one for a church at Columbia. For some time he was engaged in running a furniture and cabinet-maker's establishment on High Street, but for many years his attention has been entirely given to his inventions.

The first step of the subject of this sketch in this direction was a patent on extension steps for fortifications, but this invention was stolen from him by English parties. Before the war he experimented with electric lights, but received no encouragement in this direction and finally gave up the idea. The fire ladder extensible was often used during the war for signals and he was the original patentee of the cigar press, and twenty-seven years ago took out the first patent on a meat cutter which has ever since been in use. He was the originator of the coal wagon for dumping coal, which has met with a great sale, and among others on which he has received patents, we mention the fol-

lowing: velocipedes, extension gates, extension tables, water motor, fire alarm, reversible window-sash, the Albert push and pull electric bell, ink stands, etc. It will thus be seen that his attention has not been confined to any particular branch of invention, but that he has explored many fields and has not been confined to one narrow groove.

In Lancaster Mr. Iske was married in August, 1853, to Felicity Rulman, a native of Dambach, Alsace, who was reared in Paris. Their children are: Albert, Emma and Laura. Mrs. Fritch, who died when only twenty-three years old.

The residence and shop of our subject were built by him and located on the corner of Strawberry and LaFayette Streets. For two terms he was a member of the Town Council, serving on different committees, and before the war, was for one term a member of the Select Council. As a School Director he also served for one term and is an active member of the Democracy. For eight years he was President of the Schiller Society and helped to organize the Fulton Society, to which he still belongs, and of which he was for a period of seven years President. For a long time, until he resigned, our subject served as President of the Lancaster Beneficial Society. He is a member of the choir and congregation of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. At various times he has contributed interesting papers on scientific and other subjects and has written poems for various periodicals.



**W**ILLIAM G. BINKLEY, M. D. The city of Lancaster is not without her share of members of the learned professions who are a credit to the pursuits they have chosen and to the town itself. Among those who have taken up the calling of medical practitioners is Dr. Binkley, who devotes himself assiduously to his practice and the scientific investigation which will enhance his professional knowledge and skill. He is well established in reputa-

tion as a physician and recognized as among the able practitioners of the county.

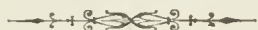
Our subject was born near Lampeter, this county, March 4, 1844, and is the son of John Binkley, a native of East Lampeter Township. His grandfather, who bore the name of Felix Binkley, was also a native of this county and of German descent. He was a farmer by occupation and a devoted member of the Baptist Church. The father of our subject was a merchant on the old Philadelphia road, and there lived until his decease, in March, 1894, when eighty-three years of age. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which body he was Class leader for five years. He was married to Miss Isabella, daughter of Isaac Martin, a farmer of this county. Mrs. Binkley was born in East Lampeter Township, and her great-grandfather served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was of Scotch-Irish descent and an early settler of the above township. The mother of our subject departed this life when in her eightieth year.

The parental family numbered six children, all of whom grew to mature years with one exception. William G. was the third eldest. His brother John during the late war served in the One Hundred and Ninety-sixth State Militia and is still living in Lancaster. Amarah, another brother, is a merchant at his father's old stand. Our subject was educated in the public schools and when seventeen years of age enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, and was mustered into service in the three months' call. He participated in the battle of Chancellorsville and numerous other engagements of note, in all of which he was Color Bearer. He was mustered out in May, 1863, at Harrisburg, and returning home, entered the Millersville Normal School, attending for two sessions. Young Binkley then taught school for the two terms following in Upper Leacock Township.

In 1865 the original of this sketch began reading medicine with Dr. A. M. Miller and two years later entered the medical department of a university, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1869. He returned at once to Lancaster County, locating in Washing-

ton, where he was engaged in the successful practice of his profession for a quarter of a century. In March, 1894, however, he came to this city, having a finely equipped office located at No. 32 South Lime Street.

Dr. Binkley was married in Washington in 1870 to Miss Frances, daughter of Jacob Staman, a farmer. Mrs. Binkley was highly educated and is a most estimable lady. Socially our subject is a member of General Walsh Post No. 118, G. A. R., at Columbia, and in politics he is a staunch Republican. He is connected with the Lancaster County Medical Association and stands high in the medical profession.



**L**EVI L. KREIDER, engaged in the manufacture of cigars at Witmer, is the son of Abraham and Susan (Landis) Kreider, and was born in Lampeter Township, June 18, 1814. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a farmer of the above township, owning two good estates, which bore a high class of improvements. Like most of the residents of this section, he was a Mennonite in religion. Of his family of five children, Abraham was the eldest but one.

The father of our subject was reared to man's estate on his father's farm and educated in the district school. When ready to establish in life for himself, he chose agriculture as his life work, and owned at one time two good farms, numbering one hundred and sixty acres. His sixty-acre tract was the first in the locality to sell for \$200 per acre. The father died in 1860, at the age of sixty-four. He was widely respected and universally esteemed by the entire community. In political matters he voted the Republican ticket, and worshipped in the Mennonite Church.

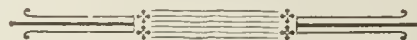
The mother of our subject was the daughter of Benjamin Landis, a well-to-do farmer in the township and a member of the old Landis family, which were very prominent in Lancaster County for many years. To Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Kreider

there were born three sons and two daughters, bearing the respective names of Anna, now the wife of Jacob Lefever; Susan, David, John L. and Levi L. The mother is also deceased, passing away in 1884, at the age of eighty-three years. She, too, was a devoted member of the Mennonite Church and a most excellent lady.

The original of this sketch first attended the common schools, and later completed his business training in the Quaker City Business College. After leaving school he taught for five terms, and in 1878 established in business for himself, engaging in the mercantile trade at Witmer, which he carried on with good success until 1889. The following year Mr. Kreider began the manufacture of cigars, which business he has found to be very profitable. He is carrying on a good trade, and gives employment to twelve men.

In politics our subject is a staunch Republican, and in 1887 was elected Clerk of the Orphan Court for a term of three years. He has always taken an active interest in school affairs, and for fifteen years was a member of the School Board, of which he was Secretary most of the time. He has been a delegate to the various county and state conventions, and does all in his power to forward the cause of his party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and takes an active interest in its work, having been Trustee for a period of fifteen years and Steward for five years.

Levi L. Kreider and Miss Lizzie Leamon were united in marriage September 28, 1870. The lady was the daughter of Isaac Leamon, and by her union with our subject became the mother of two children: Milton L., now deceased, and Luetta L.



**E**ZRA H. BURKHOLDER. This gentleman, who is one of the most prominent residents of Farmersville, occupies a high rank in the business world, and takes a prominent part in politics. He has been Justice of the Peace for a period of eighteen years, and in the fulfillment of the duties of that position gave entire satisfaction.

He resigned in 1894 in order to become Notary Public. He was one of the organizers and Directors of the People's National Bank of Lancaster, which commenced business with a capital stock of \$200,000. Mr. Burkholder is Secretary and Director of the Earl Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which was organized March 3, 1883. Special attention is given to surveying, scrivening and settling of estates, etc.

The Burkholder family is of German origin, and our subject is descended from one of three brothers, who emigrated to America in a very early day, locating in Lancaster County, where they followed farm pursuits. Abraham Burkholder, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in West Earl Township, this county, and during his later years was an extensive land owner, having a large estate located on Conestoga Creek. He was a Whig in politics, and a devoted member of the Mennonite Church.

Christian Burkholder, the grandfather of our subject, was born on the old homestead in this county. He, too, became the possessor of a large tract of land, a portion of which is now in possession of Ezra H., of this sketch. Like his honored father, Christian Burkholder, was connected with the Mennonite Church, and after the organization of the Republican party voted for its candidates. He married Miss Varonica Groff, by whom he became the father of twelve children, namely: Seth, Magdalena, Elias, Ezra, Menno, Catherine, Fannie, Groff, Maria, Anna, Christian and Peter. They are all deceased with the exception of Elias, who is a wealthy cattle dealer at Sterling, Ill.; Menno, engaged in farming in this township; Catherine, Mrs. John H. Martin, residing on the old homestead; Fannie, the wife of Adam Myer, of Upper Leacock Township, this county; Groff, living retired in the city of Lancaster; and Peter, an extensive farmer near Octavia, Neb. The grandfather died September 11, 1872, aged seventy-nine years, three months and nineteen days. His widow is still living, and is now in her ninety-fourth year.

Ezra Burkholder, Sr., father of our subject, was born on the old homestead, December 31, 1826. He attended the public schools of his neighborhood, after which he spent some time as a student

at an academy in Chester County. At the age of twenty-three he was made Deputy Register of Wills under the late George Brubaker, Esq., serving from 1849 to 1851. After leaving the Register's office, Mr. Burkholder was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace of West Earl Township, and also engaged in surveying and scrivening, and at the same time carried on the printing business. He was repeatedly offered public positions, but always refused, preferring to serve the people in legal matters at home. As a scrivener he was an expert, his penmanship was fine and his legal papers drawn up with the skill of a lawyer. He was a man of the strictest integrity, and was entrusted with the settlement of many estates.

Ezra Burkholder, Sr., was a Director in the Ephrata National Bank, an active spirit in that institution, and always manifested a great degree of interest in its success. He was one of the most prominent citizens in this section of the county. He was always a warm friend to the poor, but never believed in letting his right hand know what his left hand had done. In 1854 Mr. Burkholder was married to Miss Annie Hoffman, of Vogansville, a daughter of Christian Hoffman, at that time a merchant in the above village. His decease occurred July 12, 1890, resulting from apoplexy. He left his widow with two sons and three daughters, of whom our subject is the eldest. Mary married V. C. Sheetz, of Red Run; Amanda is the wife of Oscar Hackman, of Akron; Frances is the wife of J. K. Tobias, and Amos E. is reading law at Lancaster. He married Clara Bolster, of Ephrata, and resides on the old homestead.

The subject of this sketch received his education in the common and select schools of his native place, and when old enough entered his father's printing office and learned the "art preservative." In 1874 he edited the West Earl *Banner*, a bright and newsy sheet, which was in existence only two years. In 1879 Mr. Burkholder started the *Guiding Star*, which he conducted successfully for a period of eight years. As before stated our subject is interested in the People's National Bank of Lancaster, and the Earl Mutual Fire Insurance Company, in both of which he is a Director.

Mr. Burkholder is active in all church work, and

is one of the Elders in the Reformed Church of the New Holland charge. For a number of years he has been Sunday-school Superintendent, and is much beloved by all the members of his schools. March 18, 1882, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie S., daughter of Jacob G. and Margaret Weidles, residents of Manheim Township, this county. For three years Mr. Burkholder held the office of County Surveyor, and has been a delegate to county and state conventions several times.



**C** F. MARKEL, M. D., a prominent physician, engaged in the practice of his profession in Columbia, is the son of Emanuel and Maggie (Fry) Markel, and was born November 13, 1852, in Shrewsbury, York County, this state. The family is of German ancestry and is well and favorably known in this portion of the state.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Harry Markel, was also born in the above county, where he carried on farm pursuits all his life. He was a Democrat in politics and was well respected in his community. He reared a family of nine children, Harry, Levi, Charles, Emanuel, Samuel, Noah, William, Catherine and Elizabeth.

The father of Dr. Markel, likewise a native of York County, was a blacksmith by trade, which he followed for a number of years with fair success. He is now engaged in business in Shrewsbury. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served in the position of Constable for one term. The Reformed Church finds in him one of its most valued members, and the community recognizes him as among its most prosperous and reliable business men. During the late War he served as a soldier in a Pennsylvania regiment for eight months.

In youth our subject was a student in the Shrewsbury Academy, where he acquired a good fund of useful information. Deciding to follow a professional life, he read medicine for a time, and

then entered the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine with the Class of '76. The following year he located for practice in Winterstown, York County, where he remained for six years, and then came to Columbia. He has attained a high reputation in his profession; he is a man of excellent judgment, and by painstaking efforts he continually adds to his theoretical knowledge and practical skill.

Dr. Markel is a member of the Lancaster County Medical Association and the Pharmaceutical Association, having studied pharmacy with Drs. J. and E. H. Geary, of Shrewsbury. He is a staunch Democrat in politics, and was elected on that ticket to the City Council from the Third Ward by a majority of over three hundred. In 1890 he was elected a member of the School Board, and rendered efficient service while connected with that body.

The Doctor is interested in many of the notable enterprises in the city, and to-day he ranks among the wealthy and popular residents of Columbia, in whose welfare he takes great interest, and has done much to further its advancement in an educational and financial way. In church affairs he is connected with the Lutheran Church, in which he has been Deacon for eight years, and for two years was Secretary of the Board. He is Treasurer of the Columbia branch of the New York Building & Loan Association. In 1883 he opened a fine drug store here. He is the owner of much valuable real estate in the community, and is proving the truth of the old assertion that "industry will win in the race for fortune and position." Dr. C. F. Markel and Miss Zoma, daughter of Cornelius S. Beck, were united in marriage February 11, 1877. Their union has resulted in the birth of four children.



**H**ARRY M. HALL is a practical and wide-awake business man of Columbia, and is a coal merchant of some prominence throughout the county. He has an extensive trade, giving employment to eight men and runs con-



stantly five wagons. His career up to the present time has been a most successful and deserving one, and his prospects for the future are indeed promising.

Our subject is the son of Aaron S. and Susan H. (Swigert) Hall, and was born April 30, 1866, in Centerville, Lancaster County. The ancestor of our subject in this country came from Amsterdam, Holland. He was by name Aaron Hall, and ran away from home and was sold for his passage after landing in the United States. He was living in Washington at the time of his decease, when advanced in years. He reared a family of seven children, namely: John, Jacob, Emanuel, Joseph, Henry, Catherine and Ann. Henry, the grandfather of our subject, spent his entire life in this county, and owned a good one-hundred-acre farm in East Hempfield Township, which he cultivated with fair results. He was a Democrat in politics and a devoted member of the Reformed Church, in which he held the office of Deacon. The lady to whom he was married was Miss Mary Shultz and to them were born two children. By his union with his second wife, Miss Ann Kubus, he reared a family of seven children.

The original of this sketch acquired a fair education in the public schools of Landisville, after which he took a course in the Millersville Normal School. When completing his education young Hall learned the art of telegraphy, and was given a position as agent and operator at Landisville, holding the position for a period of three years. At the expiration of that time he came to Columbia, in 1880, accepted the position of bookkeeper for the Chestnut Hill Iron Ore Company, remaining with them for three years, when he transferred his allegiance to the Reading Railroad Company at Reading, where he was also bookkeeper, and remained until his marriage, in 1889.

When leaving Reading our subject came to Columbia and engaged in business with his father-in-law, who was a coal and wood merchant. On the death of that gentleman, September 10, 1893, he succeeded to the business, and is carrying on an extensive trade, supplying many of the residents and business houses with coal and wood, and runs five wagons. Mr. Hall is also a stockholder in the

Keely Stove Works, and has an interest in the silk mill. In politics he always votes the straight Democratic ticket, and in religious affairs is a member of the Reformed Church, with which he has been connected for many years, and takes an active part in church and Sunday-school work. Socially, our subject is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Susquehanna Lodge No. 88, of which he has been Secretary, and also belongs to the Encampment. He is Secretary of Mt. Bethel Cemetery Association, and is in fact a man whose sketch will do honor to our volume and prove interesting to the many friends who hold him in the highest possible esteem. Harry M. Hall and Miss Ida R., daughter of George D. Huff, of this city, were united in marriage January 10, 1889.



**L**A WRENCE KNAPP is proprietor of Knapp's Villa, on the Conestoga Creek, which is a charming and attractive place, particularly during the summer. It has a historical interest as well, for the old stone portion of the house was at one time the headquarters of William Penn. The grounds are beautifully laid out and the large old trees afford grateful shade to the weary traveler. Mr. Knapp is independently well off, is well informed on the general affairs of the day, and is much attached to this, the land of his adoption. A German by birth, his nativity took place in Freudenberg-on-the-Main, in Baden, September 2, 1827, and there his father, John Knapp, was born in the year 1789. His grandfather, Ignatius Knapp, was a fruit grower and wine merchant. Under the great Napoleon he took part in the battle of Hamau, and engaged in transporting stores on the River Main.

The father of our subject followed to a large extent the business formerly carried on by his father, and in his boyhood helped to run the boats on the river for the French Army. He became quite an extensive dealer in fruit and wine and also in

cattle. During the Revolution of 1848, in which he was officially interested, he was captured, his property confiscated and he himself placed in the work house. After they had robbed him of everything, he was finally pardoned by the German Government on condition that he would leave the country. Lawrence Knapp in this emergency sent his parents every dollar he could spare and by this means they were enabled to leave the land where they had fared so hardly, and came to this state, locating in Philadelphia, where the father's death occurred.

Lawrence Knapp, who is the third in order of birth in his father's family, passed his early years in the Fatherland, and from 1843 to 1847 learned brewing with Mr. Platz, now of Milwaukee. In 1847, having become proficient in his trade, he came to America and found work in the copper mines near Belleville, later becoming assistant engineer and vowing to devote to his work eighteen hours of the twenty-four. Thus it will be seen that the money which he sent like a dutiful son to his parents was earned by the hardest and represented truly honest industry. In 1849 the mines were shut down and the young man went to Philadelphia. There he worked at his trade until 1853, when, in September, he came to Lancaster, obtaining employment with John A. Sprenger, with whom he was afterward a partner for about three years. His next move was to become Superintendent of a brewery and distillery. With that concern he was connected for about thirty years, and was at the head of affairs. In 1886 he sold out his interest to Joseph Hoeffler, and located on this farm, which he had owned since 1872. This beautiful villa consists of thirty-six acres near the city limits and the proprietor has made all the improvements upon it himself.

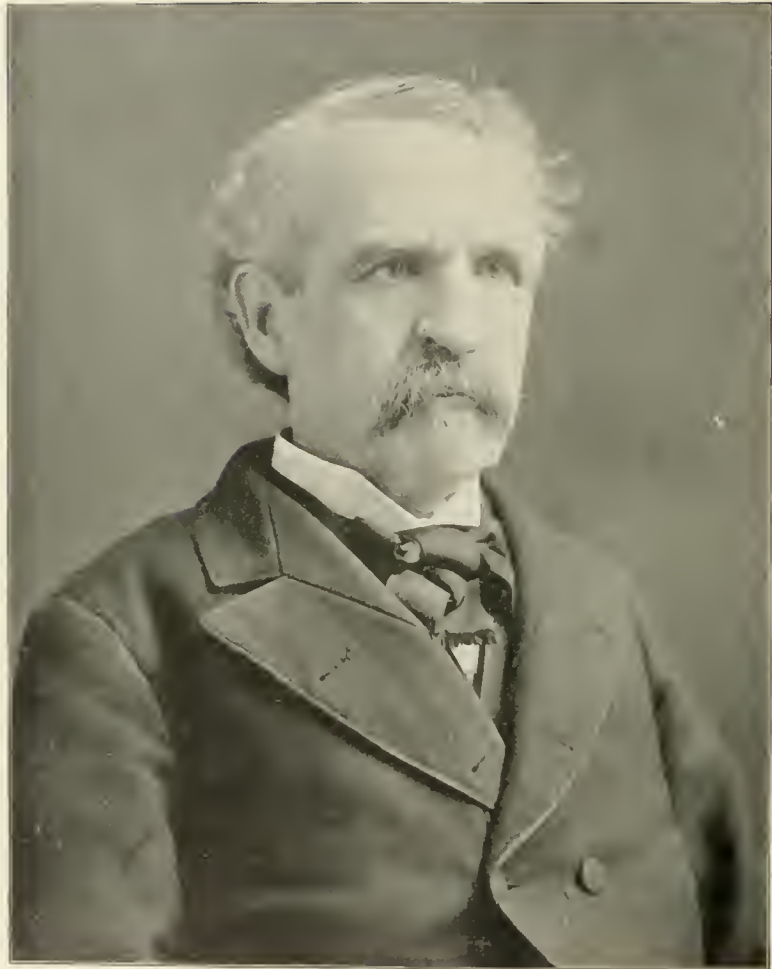
July 10, 1854, Mr. Knapp was married in Lancaster to Mrs. Catherine (Spenger) Witmeyer, and they have had four children, John T., who is a machinist in the city; L. B., a photographer; Kate, wife of James Prangley, a brick manufacturer, and Louisa, who is at home. In politics Mr. Knapp is not tied to any party, but is independent, preferring to use his right of franchise as he best sees fit. With his family he attends St. Anthony's Church

and is most highly respected. When the first street car line was started in this vicinity he took great interest in the scheme and furthered it as far as he was able. He owns a good residence in the city, and has through years of industry amassed a comfortable fortune.



**F**REDERICK AUGUSTUS BEATES, one of Lancaster's highly respected citizens, was born at Elizabeth Furnace in November 1830, and is a son of Rev. William Beates, whose birthplace was only about two hundred yards from the old home of George Washington in Philadelphia. Our subject's Grandfather Beates was a tobaccoist in Philadelphia, and sold tobacco to members of Washington's army, but when General Howe learned of this fact, he had it locked up. Our subject's father was a minister in the Lutheran Church and preached for twenty years near the Furnaces, and then removed to Lancaster, where he was made pastor of Zion's Lutheran Church. He finally resigned his pastorate and died at the age of ninety-two years. Our subject's mother's maiden name was Mary Herbst, a native of Lancaster. Her parents were from Wurtemberg. Her father was a wine merchant on West King Street. The mother died at the age of seventy-five years. They reared a family of eleven children, six of whom are living, our subject being the youngest son. He was reared in Lancaster from the age of five years. He received his education at the common schools and afterwards attended school at Middletown, at Lititz school, and later at the Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg. Close confinement proved detrimental to his health and for about ten seasons he lived in the Alleghany Mountains. He always had a longing for farm life, so he purchased a farm amid the rocks and hills and set out a fine orchard of five acres and made beautiful the wild places. This five acre tract he transformed into a real paradise with





HON. JOHN J. PATTERSON.

beautiful walks; a rapidly running stream of water with rocks and ferns makes the whole place one of picturesque beauty. June 1, 1893, he located in Lancaster on Cottage Avenue. He was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Wetzel, a native of Lancaster, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wetzel, who were farmers; she died in June, 1893.

Our subject's father was a noted man in his time; he preached in Lancaster County from young manhood, the whole term of his ministry there extending over a term of sixty years. When a mere boy our subject's father was on the street during the war with England, when a British soldier caught him by the hair and demanded that he hurrah for General Howe; he refused to do this, but hurrahed for General Washington and the Continental Congress. This enraged the soldier, and he pulled a handful of hair from his head. His brother, C. E. Beates, served the Government as a surveyor in early days and surveyed out the wilds of Pennsylvania, and finally settled on a thirty-three hundred and thirty-two acre tract of land in the wilderness about Shamokin.



**H**ON. JOHN JAMES PATTERSON, of Lancaster, comes from a very old and honored family in this region, as over two hundred years ago the founders of the American branch, two brothers, John and James, emigrated from Scotland, making a settlement in Bucks County, where many of their descendants are still living, others having gone to different parts of the country. The Hon. Mr. Patterson, whose name heads this record, represented his district in the Pennsylvania Legislature, and in 1872 was elected to the Senate from South Carolina, in which state he had been living for several years. In former years he was much interested in newspaper work and of late has been identified with many of the leading railroad enterprises of this locality. He is a very prominent and influential man in all circles, whether financial, social or legislative.

In tracing the ancestry of Mr. Patterson, we find

that the two brothers before mentioned were merchants who came from Ireland about 1701, settling at Trappe, Bucks County. Our subject is in the direct line of descent from John, and many of the same surname in this county are distant connections of his family, and among these was Judge Patterson of Lancaster, who is now deceased. For two hundred years the family has been conspicuous in the political and public life of this city and other portions of the state, and in all the wars of the country they have been well represented by able men. John Patterson, the grandfather of our subject, lived in Tuscarora Valley, Juniata County, Pa., and during the War of the Revolution was in active service for five years. In politics he was a Federalist and served as Clerk in the Prothonotary's office in Cumberland County, and became a leading promoter and President of the Juniata Bank at Lewistown. He afterwards removed to Mifflin (now Juniata) County, establishing the first store in its limits, was eminently successful in his financial undertaking, and at the time of his death was one of the wealthiest men in the county. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a man of strict integrity and upright principle. By his wife, formerly Isabella Lyon, of Juniata County, he had the following children: William; James, who died at Baltimore, Md, during the cholera epidemic of 1832; Robert, Andrew, John; Margaret Sterrett, who became the mother of Judge James Patterson Sterrett, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and Jane. The mother of these children was born in 1770 and died in 1858. On the paternal side the grandmother of our subject was a relative of Samuel Wilson, who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

William Hart Patterson, the father of our subject, was a merchant and very successful business man. He departed this life August 30, 1858, aged fifty-nine years. In politics he was a Whig and later became identified with the Republican party. Religiously he was connected with the Presbyterian Church and belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. By his wife, who was formerly Mary A. Wilson, he had two sons and three daughters, the eldest of whom, George, died at the age

of twenty-one years. The second child, Jane, married Judge Sterrett, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, a member of one of the oldest families of Juniata County, as his ancestors were among the pioneers of that region. For a period of twenty years the Judge has been a member of the Supreme Bench and is a very prominent man in legal and political circles. Anna became the wife of Samuel Van Dike, of Wisconsin; Salina, wife of Samuel Baird, is a resident of Iowa; John James is fifth in order of birth in this family, and he was born August 8, 1830, at Waterloo, Juniata County.

The Hon. Mr. Patterson received his elementary schooling in the common schools of his native place, and later attended the Tuscarora Academy in Juniata County and graduated from the Jefferson College, where he was a student at the same time that James G. Blaine was at Washington College. After leaving school Mr. Patterson became the editor of the Harrisburg *Daily Telegraph*, this being in 1853, and this journal he conducted for ten years, on the expiration of which time he went to Mifflintown, where he afterwards organized the Juniata Valley Bank. In 1869 he went to South Carolina on business and continued to make his home there for about ten years, during which time he was elected to the United States Senate as a Representative from South Carolina, being a member of the Congressional body at the same time as was the noted statesman from Maine, James G. Blaine, from 1873 to 1879.

During the Civil War, Mr. Patterson enlisted at the beginning for three months' service, responding to the first call for troops, and was placed on General Williams' staff as aide-de-camp and was appointed Captain of the fifteenth Pennsylvania Infantry some time later. In 1862 he was made Paymaster, and at the end of one year's service was obliged to resign on account of sciatica, receiving an honorable discharge. For a number of years subsequently he was interested in the horse-cars and electric railroads being constructed at Bloomington, Ill., and in Wilkes Barre and Lancaster. In 1893 he came to this city, and is President of the Pennsylvania Traction Company, which owns all the street railway property of this county and now contemplates the construction of sev-

enty-five miles of road within its limits and a line between Harrisburg and Philadelphia.

In 1855 Mr. Patterson married Miss Lucretia E. Moore, by whom he had four children, namely; William H., who is in charge of the street railway in Bloomington, Ill.; Silas M., in business with his father in Lancaster; Mary W., living at home, and John J., Jr., a lawyer located at Mifflintown, Pa. The wife and mother departed this life in Washington City in 1884, and in 1887 he was married to Miss Mildred May Frank, of Wisconsin. This lady died in November, 1889. He was married to his present wife, Miss Flora Marcie Warfood, of Philadelphia, in February, 1893.

In his political faith Hon. Mr. Patterson is a Republican of the truest stamp, and has always been extremely active in everything pertaining to the success of the party with which he is identified. Both while he was in the United States Senate and at all other times has his voice been heard on the side of a protective tariff and in support of the broad and well laid platform of the Republican party. Socially he is a Mason, and in his personal character and relations with his fellow-citizens he bears a very enviable reputation as a man of honor, strict integrity and true merit.



JACOB BAKER LONG, stock commission broker of Lancaster and one of its shrewd and successful business men, is well and favorably known throughout this portion of the state. Throughout almost his entire life he has been identified with the interests of this city. He was born here October 25, 1849, and is a representative of one of the oldest families in the county. His paternal grandfather, who was of German descent, was an active member of the Lutheran Church and interested in all good works.

The father of our subject, John F. Long, was born in Lancaster and was a lifelong resident of this city, of which he was a prominent citizen, do-

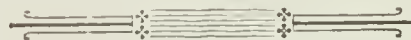
ing much toward advancing its material interests. He was proprietor of a finely equipped drug store at No. 12 North Queen Street, and was in that line of business for a period of sixty years. His death occurred in 1884, when he was in his seventy-seventh year. He was always interested in the welfare of the community and aided in whatever way he could in promoting its progress. In politics he was a Republican and on that ticket was elected County Treasurer, filling that position for three years. Like his father before him, he was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church.

The mother of our subject was Louisa, daughter of Rev. John C. Baker, who for a quarter of a century was pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Lancaster. He was a member of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church, a fine scholar and very influential in theological and educational affairs. His death occurred in Philadelphia. Mrs. Long was born in Germantown in 1814, and died in 1892, at the age of seventy-eight.

To John F. Long and his wife were born seven children, six of whom attained mature years and five are now living. Jacob B., who was the youngest but one, received his education in the common schools and the Yeates Institute. During the late war his brother, John C., was Lieutenant in Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, afterwards promoted to the rank of Aid to the Brigade Commander on account of valor. Our subject took a commercial course in Eastman's Business College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he was graduated, and in 1867 entered a banking house on Wall Street, New York. A short time afterward, however, he returned to Lancaster and entered the employ of the Reed-McGrann Company, a private banking institution. For three years he was employed in stock brokerage, then became paying teller in the Farmers' National Bank, in which capacity he was employed for two and one-half years.

In 1879 Mr. Long began in business for himself as stock commission broker, and being a careful manager and a good financier, he stands well in the business world. He was one of the original stockholders in the Lancaster City Railway and a prime factor in the establishment of the electric

street railway here. He was interested in all the roads in Lancaster and was the first to solicit for the first road built in 1884 to the fair grounds. He was Director in all the railways until February, 1891, when the entire system was sold to Hon. J. J. Patterson. For five years he was a stockholder and secretary of the Lancaster County Fair Association. In this city in June, 1881, he married Mrs. Ellen (Hayes) Hager, daughter of Hon. A. L. Hayes, who was an honored Judge of the courts in Lancaster for many years. In religious matters he is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, and in politics always casts his vote for Republican candidates.



**W**ILLIAM B. GIVEN. Few professional or business men of Columbia have been more active in supporting its industries in a substantial way than this gentleman, who is a leading member of the Lancaster County Bar, and has also been admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the state and of the United States. He is a man of great public spirit, has been actively concerned in educational affairs, and has been solicitor of the city for three years. Politically, he is a Democrat, and a leading adherent to the party, being Chairman of the County Committee, and in 1892 was sent as a delegate to the convention which nominated Cleveland. In 1886 he was a candidate for Congress, but was defeated, owing to the fact that his party was in the minority.

The Given family is of Scotch-Irish descent, and our subject's great-grandfather on the paternal side was one of the early settlers in the village of Columbia. He became extensively engaged in lumbering when this article was brought on rafts down the river. He became quite prosperous, and at the time of his death possessed considerable wealth. Politically, he was a Democrat, and was a man of prominence in the community wherein he dwelt. A very active worker in the Methodist

Episcopal Church, he bore a high reputation for personal integrity and worth. He married Miss Mercer, and had eight children. The father of our subject, William F. Given, was born in Columbia and received a common-school education. Following in his father's footsteps, he was employed in the lumber business, and retired quite early in life with an ample competency. He was a Director in the Columbia National Bank and in the Columbia Bridge Company. In the Methodist Episcopal Church of this place he held membership, and in politics was a Democrat. In 1862 he departed this life, leaving his wife and three children to mourn his loss. The former, whose maiden name was Susan A. Barns, is still living. Her children are William B., Frank S. and Martha W., wife of Howard B. Rhoades, editor of the *Columbia Herald*.

The birth of our subject occurred September 23, 1856, in this city. He was given good educational advantages, and was a student in private schools of Baltimore County, Md., in which county his father was living retired from business at the time. Later he attended Saunders' Academy in Philadelphia, a celebrated institution for boys, and in 1876 was graduated from the Ann Arbor State University of Michigan, from the law department. Returning to Columbia, Mr. Given entered the office of Hon. H. M. North, and was admitted to the Bar in December, 1877. Soon afterward he opened his present office, where he does a large general practice. In addition to his professional duties he is President of the Columbia Electric Street Railway, occupies a like position with the Columbia & Don-egal Railroad Company, being particularly interested in local modes of transit, and a stockholder in all the companies in the county, which now have extensive plans for improvement and enlargement of the systems. Among the other concerns in which Mr. Given is interested are the Columbia National Bank, the Keeley Stove Company, of this place; the Wilson Laundry Machinery Company; the Triumph Shirt Company, the Columbia Water and Gas Companies, the East Columbia Land Company, in all of which he is a Director, and with the silk mill of this place he is officiating as a Trustee.

September 6, 1879, Mr. Given was united in marriage with Mary B., daughter of Abram Bruner.

To Mr. and Mrs. Given were born three children, who are named as follows: Erna, Jennie B. and William B., Jr.

For nine years Mr. Given was a member of the School Board, and was President of the same for two years. In the recent long and hotly contested struggle on behalf of John Westerman for the position of Postmaster of Columbia, Mr. Given was one of the ardent champions of that highly respected citizen, and it was largely through his efforts that the appointment was now made for his friend.

In a large and beautiful home, which he has built for himself at Chestnut and Fourth Streets, Mr. Given lives, surrounded by every comfort that the age can suggest, and here it is his delight to entertain his many friends from near and far.



**A**BRAM L. LANE. The place owned and occupied by our subject is good farming land, supplied with all the needed and convenient structures. It is located in West Hempfield Township, among whose residents Mr. Lane holds a good position. He is the son of Christian and Sarah (Leighty) Lane, and was born in Rapho Township, this county, March 22, 1837.

Abraham Lane, the grandfather of our subject, was also a native of this county, where he was a tenement farmer. In politics he was a Whig, and in religion was a valued member of the Mennonite Church. He married Miss Barbara Reis, by whom he became the father of the following named children: Susan, Elizabeth, Barbara, Christian, John, Jacob and Abraham. Christian Lane was born in Rapho Township in 1810, was a farmer by occupation, a Republican in politics, and belonged to the Mennonite Church. The lady whom he married and who is now deceased, was known in her maidenhood as Sarah Leighty, and to them were born two children, our subject and Annie. The father



is still living, making his home with Abraham L., while the mother departed this life in 1883.

The original of this sketch received his education in the common schools as carried on in an early day, and has followed farming pursuits his entire life. He formerly owned fifty-seven acres of good land in West Hempfield Township, which he sold in 1893, and purchased a small tract adjoining that farm. He has been reasonably successful as an agriculturist, and is in a fair way to become the possessor of a good competence.

Abraham L. Lane and Miss Susan Eby were united in marriage in 1856. Their union has been blessed by the birth of three children, two sons and a daughter, as follows: Jacob; Annie, the wife of Clayton Bowen, and Christian.



**E**DWIN C. DILLER, a resident of New Holland, traces his ancestry back to the year 1685 in Alsace, France, when the first representative was obliged to flee to Holland on account of religious persecution. His son, who bore the name of Casper, accompanied him on his removal, and when a lad of ten or twelve years went to England, where he was later married to an English woman. It is supposed that he then returned to his native land and from there in 1738 emigrated to America, locating in Loeh Platz, in the vicinity of New Holland, where he purchased five hundred acres of land and lived until his decease, in 1775 or 1780, at the remarkable age of one hundred years.

The family of Casper Diller comprises three sons and seven daughters, the former bearing the respective names of Philip Adam, Jean Martin and Casper, Jr. The daughters were all married, but their given names are not known. Philip Adam Diller was born in the Palatinate, about eleven miles

from Heidelberg, Germany, March 8, 1723, and after coming to America, also made his home in this county on a farm in Earl Township. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Leonard Ellmaker, a native of Germany, and became the father of Adam, Anna Maria, Leonard, Magdaline, Margaret, Peter and Isaac. The last-named son, who was the grandfather of our subject, reared by his first marriage the following-named children: Jonathan, William, Julia and Isaac. By his second wife, Miss Maria Graybill, there were born Emma, Adam, and Amos, the father of our subject.

Edwin C. Diller was born in New Columbia, Union County, this state, November 26, 1839. His father's birth occurred on the old homestead on Mill Creek, this county, September 12, 1812. He received a common-school education and when thirteen years of age was employed by his cousin, Roland Miller, as clerk in the latter's store. He remained with him for several years and then became connected with Anthony Roberts in the same capacity.

About 1839 Amos Diller removed with his family to New Columbia and opened up an establishment of his own, conducting it with fair success for two years, when he went to Vogansville, where he was also the proprietor of a general store. From that place he came two years later to New Holland and was employed in the mercantile business alone until 1865, when, in partnership with Philip Brubaker, he purchased the store which is now operated by our subject, and their affairs were managed under the style of Diller & Brubaker for about five years. Amos Diller retired from active business life in 1866 and Edwin C. succeeded him in all his enterprises. He was very successful as a merchant and accumulated a handsome fortune, which he uses liberally in support of the Lutheran Church, of which he was an official member, and all worthy enterprises. In politics, he was a staunch Democrat.

In the year 1838 Amos Diller was married to Miss Mary, daughter of Anthony Carpenter, proprietor of a hotel in New Holland, with which he also combines the business of watch-maker. The parental family included two sons and one daughter, of whom our subject was the eldest. Emma died when thirteen years of age; and William G. departed this

life in 1879, at the age of thirty-four years. At the time of his decease he was engaged in business with our subject. The mother of these children died February 18, 1873, and four years later her husband married Mrs. Catherine (Bremmer) Parsons, widow of the late Samuel Parsons. They are both still living and occupy a comfortable residence in New Holland.

The primary studies of our subject were carried on in the common schools of his native place and later in the Lititz Academy. In 1856 he engaged as clerk in his father's store and four years later was taken into the firm as partner, continuing as such until the former retired, when with his brother W. G. and R. S. Brubaker, he carried on the business, the firm name being Diller & Brubaker until 1877. That year W. G. Diller and Mr. Brubaker disposed of their interest in the store to John and George Roland and for several years thereafter the business was carried on under the style of Diller & Roland. In 1883 our subject and William Roland bought the interest of John and George Roland but the name was not changed until 1888, when Charles M., son of our subject, succeeded the junior partner and since that time it has been Diller & Son. The store is located on Main Street and is a two-story structure, 30x60 feet in dimensions. It is stocked with a full line of general merchandise and in addition to this they have a merchant tailoring department which commands the best trade in the place. Diller & Son own the building adjoining, which they have fitted up as a hardware establishment, and also carry paints, oils, etc. They have about \$20,000 invested and do a business of \$30,000 per year.

Socially, our subject belongs to Lancaster Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., and is also connected with the Knight Templar Lodge No. 13, in Lancaster. He holds membership with Earl Lodge No. 413, I. O. O. F., and Ridgely Encampment No. 217, of Lancaster. He is a devoted member of the Lutheran Church and in politics always casts a vote for Democratic candidates.

May 18, 1864. Edwin C. Diller and Miss Cora Mason were united in marriage. Their four children are Alta M., Charles M., Emma C., and Amos, who is clerk in the hardware store. The wife and

mother died April 29, 1874, and October 18, 1876, Mr. Diller married Miss Anna M., daughter of Jonathan Roland. To them has been born one son, who bears the name of Roland.



**I** SAAC R. BUCH is senior member of the firm of I. R. Buch & Son, manufacturers of a good quality of cigars in West Earl. They engaged in this business in 1888, and since that time have built a factory 26x40 feet in dimensions and two stories in height. They give employment to fourteen men and have an annual business of \$15,000.

Our subject is the son of George and Elizabeth (Rudy) Buch, and was born in Lancaster County, April 1, 1827. Grandfather George Buch during the greater part of his life was engaged in farming in West Earl Township. He was the father of the following children: Peter, Ephraim, John, George and Elizabeth.

George Buch was born March 27, 1780, in West Earl Township, this county, and lived until August 12, 1863, when he passed away. He was also an agriculturist in the township above named, owning a valuable estate of over three hundred acres. When past three score years and ten he removed to Akron, where he owned property and was residing at the time of his decease. He started out poor in this world's goods, but by strict attention to business in all its details, by promptness, method and fair dealing, he became wealthy. In politics he was a decided Republican after the party was organized.

The parental family of our subject included the following-named children: Nancy, Henry, Emanuel; Charles, deceased; George, a retired farmer living in Ephrata Township; Jacob, also living in retirement in Akron, this state; Elizabeth; Daniel, deceased; Isaac R., of this sketch; John, deceased, and David, a retired farmer making his home in Lititz.

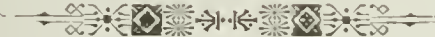
The original of this sketch was reared on the home farm and educated in the common schools.

He was trained to farm life and followed the occupation of an agriculturist until 1888, when he began the manufacture of cigars, which business he found to be more profitable and in which he has been engaged ever since. As stated in our opening paragraph, he has erected a new two story building devoted to that purpose, and is conducting an extensive business under the firm name of I. R. Buch & Son.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Rebecca, daughter of Michael Weidler, a farmer of Warwick Township, was celebrated in 1853. To them have been born the following children: Elizabeth, who is the wife of John Dillman; Weidler; Clayton, deceased; Isaac; Morris W.; Mary, who married Jacob Krieter; Aaron, deceased; Susan, the wife of Rufus Seldomridge; Rebecca and Ella, both deceased; William, who married Elizabeth Raser; Ida, the wife of Alfred Bear; Eddie W., who died in infancy; Anna, the wife of Harry Keith; Lydia; John and Jacob

by trade. In religious matters the Bauer family were Lutherans, and many of them took part in the Napoleonic War of 1802-15. Our subject's grandmother Bauer is still living and is ninety-three years of age, while his mother is sixty-two. Her husband, the father of our subject, died at the age of fifty-seven, in 1867.

Our subject is one in a family of four children, all of whom are living, three in Germany and our subject, Charles Zech. The latter remained in his native village until fourteen years of age, attending the public schools and gymnasium of that place. When fourteen years of age he was apprenticed to learn the brewer's trade at the county seat, Heilbronn. He served two years, then went to Bavaria and worked two years; he also worked in Baden eight months, and in 1869 emigrated to America in order to escape military duty. He was twenty-eight days on the voyage to New York and soon afterward sailed from New Bedford, Mass., on a whaling voyage, which kept him on the briny deep nine months, when he landed in Chili, and from there cruising the South Pacific Ocean. Returning to New Bedford after a continuous voyage of two years, he later returned to Danville, Pa. The next two years our subject worked as a cooper in a brewery at Danville and from there went to Reading, Pa., where he remained eighteen months, and in June, 1876, located at Lancaster, where he was made foreman for Henry Franke, with whom he worked two years, and was then made foreman for F. A. Ricker. Desiring to be more independent, he engaged in the saloon business for himself, operating the Girard House for two years. In the year 1886 he started in the bottling business in Lancaster, which business he added to from time to time, and in the spring of 1894 he constructed a new brewing plant with a capacity of two thousand barrels per year. The location of this brewery is at Nos. 669-707 West Orange Street.

CHARLES ZECH, proprietor of the bottling works and brewery located at Lancaster, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, May 18, 1851. His father, Francis Zech, was born in Bavaria and followed the brewing business at Neckargartach, Wurtemberg, throughout his life. He was a soldier in the Revolution of 1848, being captured in going to Switzerland, and after being kept a prisoner of war for six months was pardoned. He was an active man and was closely identified with the official positions of his city. In religious matters he was a believer in the Catholic faith.

Our subject's grandfather, Joseph Zech, was also a native of Bavaria and was a brewer by trade, in fact the Zech family were brewers by occupation back as early as 1548. Our subject's mother's maiden name was Bauer, and she was a native of Wurtemberg, where her father was a wagon-maker

In 1884 our subject visited his old home in Germany, but had no desire to exchange his American home for one in the land of his birth. In 1876 Mr. Zech was united in marriage, in Lancaster, to Miss Rosa Spangler, who was born in Germany, coming to this country when but two

years of age. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Spangler. Mr. and Mrs. Zech are the parents of five children, who were born in the following order: Augustus, Mary, Francesca, Charles and Frank.

Mr. Zech is an honored member of St. John's and St. Peter's Societies. In religious matters our subject and his family are identified with St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. Politically our subject is an independent voter, believing that the best man of any party should be chosen for office.

In conclusion it may be said of Mr. Zech that he is accounted among the influential, industrious and honored citizens of Lancaster. While he was born on a foreign shore and reared amidst the scenes of another form of Government, yet he is a firm believer in the principles of American democracy, and no man does more with the means at his command to foster and protect the rights and privileges of our people than he. His life has been a checkered one in many respects, he having seen much of the world, both by land and sea. He finally settled in the Keystone State, however, and engaged in a prosperous business, and has now but to enjoy the fruit of his labors.



**H**ON. HENRY S. BOOK. The name of this gentleman is well known in the business circles of Maytown, where he conducts an extensive leaf tobacco trade, usually packing from eight hundred to one thousand cases per annum. In the village where he now resides he was born August 25, 1827, being a son of Samuel and Rebecca (Mockart) Book. The family of which he is a member has for several generations resided in Lancaster County, his paternal grandfather, David Book, having lived during his earlier years near Conestoga and later in Strasburg. His life work was that of a farmer, and he was a prominent member of the Mennonite Church. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Barbara Seltzer, were the

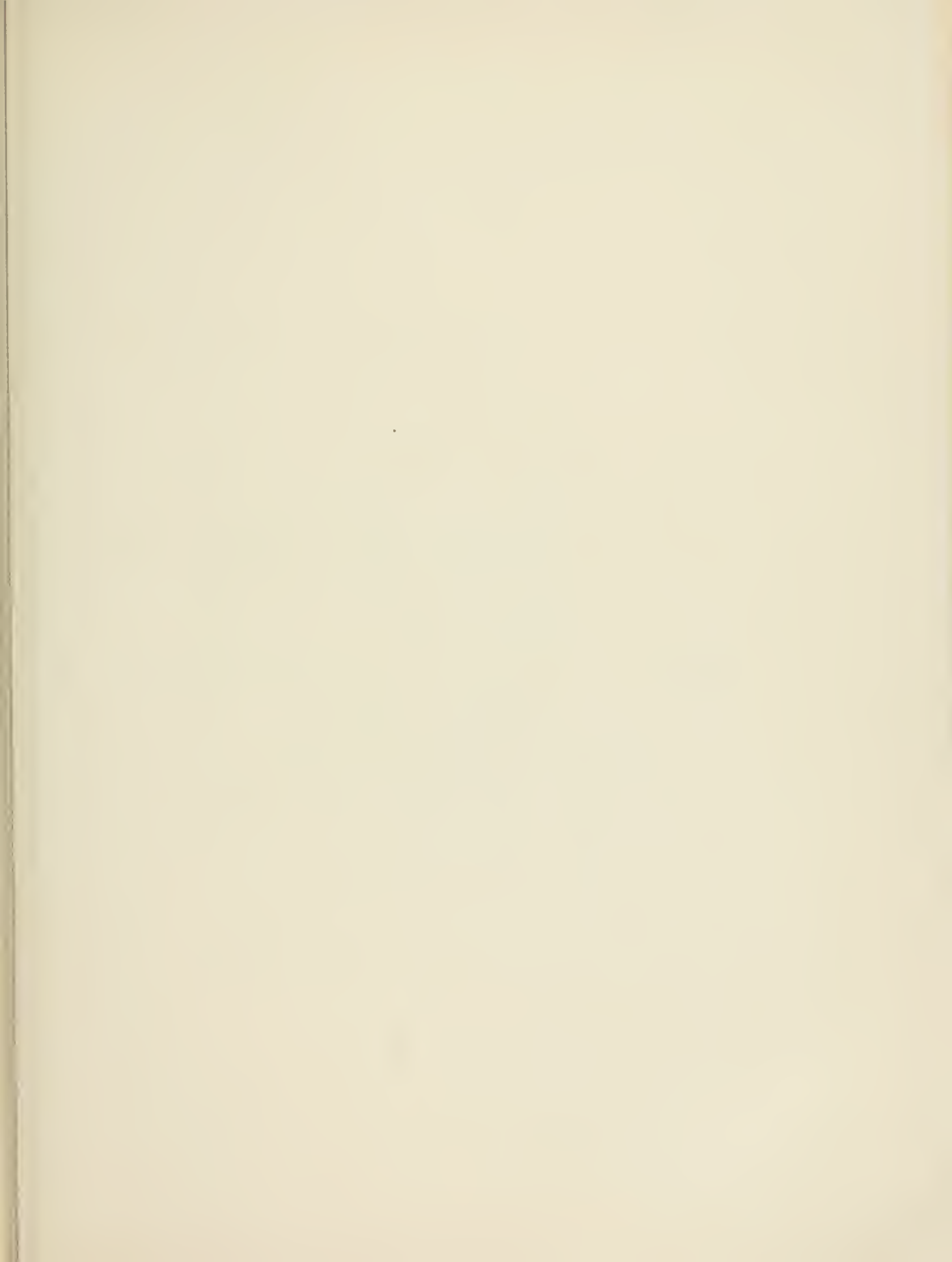
parents of three sons and two daughters, viz: John, David, Samuel, Mary and Catherine.

On his mother's side our subject is of German descent. His great-grandfather, John Mockart, emigrated from Germany to the United States and settled in Maytown, Lancaster County. Among his sons was Samuel, who was born and spent his entire life at Maytown, where he followed the tailor's trade. In religious connections he was a Lutheran. By his marriage to Catherine Gerner he had five children, named Mary, Elizabeth, Rebecca, John and Samuel.

Born in the village of Strasburg, Samuel Book in youth learned the trade of a tailor, but never followed it, giving his attention to the business of a pump manufacturer. For many years prior to his demise he lived in retirement from active cares. In politics a Republican, he served as County Auditor for several years, was Assessor, School Director, and Justice of the Peace. He died in 1882, at the age of eighty-seven. His wife passed away in 1867, aged sixty-six. Their children, six in number, were named, Catherine, Barbara S., Maxy, George M., Henry S. and David, all of whom are deceased but our subject and Barbara.

In the common schools of Maytown our subject laid the foundation of his education, which was supplemented by attendance in Professor Wickersham's academy. At the age of eighteen he left school and turned his attention to pump making, which he learned under his father's supervision. For eight years he followed that occupation, after which he started a cigar manufactory in Maytown, continuing thus engaged for sixteen years. Since 1875 he has devoted his entire attention to the leaf tobacco business, which he conducts upon an extensive scale. In the Republican party he is one of the local leaders, always taking an active interest in the victory of its men and measures. In 1882 he was a delegate to the Republican State Convention, and three years later was elected to represent the county in the Legislature. In 1892 he was chosen Tax Collector for East Donegal Township, to which office he has since been re-elected and is the present incumbent.

In the Lutheran Church of Maytown Mr. Book is officiating as Trustee. Socially he is identified





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with the American Mechanics, belonging to Waterford Council No. 72. For twenty-three years he has been connected with Donegal Lodge No. 108, K. of P., and is also a member of William Childs Post No. 226, G. A. R., at Marietta. He was a soldier in Company A, Tenth Pennsylvania Infantry, having enlisted April 18, 1861, under General Patterson. After three months of service, during which time he took part in several minor engagements, he was taken ill and obliged to resign, being mustered out at Harrisburg, Pa.

The marriage of Mr. Book took place on the 23d of December, 1864, and united him with Miss Mary Jane, daughter of John Rumbaugh, of Maytown. One child, Lizzie R., blessed the union. The family is one of social prominence and is universally esteemed. Mr. Book deserves the success which he has attained, having exercised prudence and tact in all his enterprises. His energy has been devoted to his business, and his enjoyment obtained in domestic and social life.



**H** M. ALEXANDER, M. D. Within the limits of this volume it will be impossible to give a detailed account of the services Dr. Alexander has rendered mankind, for he has been a philanthropist in the broadest sense of that word. As the boat that sails down the river touches only at the principal harbors, so the biographer in presenting his life record touches only upon the principal events, passing by many points where, did space permit, we might linger with pleasure and profit.

The Lancaster County Vaccine Farms, of which Dr. Alexander is the owner and proprietor, are situated near the corporate limits of Marietta, and are the largest in the world, producing more vaccine lymph than all the other vaccine establishments in the United States. Of the growth of this remarkable enterprise, which is doing such a wonderful work for the abatement of small-pox,

Pennsylvania has every reason to be proud, for its founder and manager is a Pennsylvanian by birth and education.

So high is the reputation for purity which this lymph has gained that the demand for it even rivals that for the production of the Government vaccine propagating department of England. Dr. Faulkner, a member of the Royal Chirurgical Society of England, who has charge of that establishment, orders it in large quantities, giving as the reason that he can get better and cheaper lymph from these farms than from the establishments under his charge. Dr. Benjamin Lee, Secretary of the Pennsylvania State Board of Health, has in his reports given extensive notice to these farms, speaking of them in the highest terms.

Employment is given to twelve men and several ladies at all times, and during epidemics as many as forty are employed. At such times several hundred heifers are kept on hand, and even with his present capacity, Dr. Alexander is able to propagate one hundred thousand points a day. His place consists of fifteen acres, upon which are several substantial buildings, the only ones in the United States built for this special purpose. The main structure is 177x30 feet in dimensions, with three wings, each 30x24. Two of these wings are joined by a building used for storage purposes, inclosing a courtyard. This was erected in 1888. In 1892 he erected a second structure, consisting of a main building 40x60 feet, with a wing 153x24 feet. There are also several smaller buildings. Although the main building has nearly sixteen thousand feet of floor space, more room is needed, and an architect is now preparing plans for another structure. The buildings are carefully heated by steam in cold weather, perfectly drained and ventilated, and the stable floors are of cement, thus preventing any absorption of moisture. The operating room contains patent tables, invented by Dr. Alexander, and to these the heifers are strapped; by a simple mechanical arrangement they are easily turned over and rest upon their backs on the upholstered surface.

The first and only authenticated case of spontaneous cow-pox in America was discovered by Dr. Alexander, the animal being the property of a

farmer near Marietta, and from this source he now derives his world famous vaccine. Vaccine is sent by him to nearly every nation on the globe, even to distant China. The points are packed in glass vials, ten in each, and then placed in wooden cases for shipment. The goods are never sold after having been on hand more than ten days. The lymph is not always sent out on points, but much goes out on quill slips and capillary tubes, the latter being used especially in the European trade. In addition to his farms in Marietta, he has a branch establishment at Omaha, Neb., and an office in the Columbus Memorial Building in Chicago. He has lately purchased the Banner Farm of Northumberland County, this state, and at this writing is procuring cattle to place on it, which he expects to give special preparation for his vaccine business. The farm contains one hundred and sixty-seven acres, is very fertile and has excellent buildings.

We now turn our attention to the personal history and ancestry of Dr. Alexander. He was born in Lewisburg, Union County, Pa., on the 17th of May, 1851, a son of John and Jane (Sankey) Alexander. The name is of Scotch origin, but the original American representative, our subject's grandfather, was born in Ireland and from there came to Huntingdon County, Pa. John Alexander was born near Alexandria, Huntingdon County, Pa., in the year 1812, and though receiving only very limited educational advantages, was a man of more than ordinary ability and intelligence. By his neighbors he was regarded as an unusually well informed and able man. He was successful, and became the owner of two farms in Kelly Township, Union County, Pa., where he resided until fifty years of age. He then removed to Lewisburg, the same county, where he remained until his death, in the spring of 1876, at the age of sixty-four. Politically he was an active member of the Republican party, and in religious belief was a Presbyterian.

Twice married, the first wife of John Alexander was Mary Sheller, a member of an old and prominent family residing in the central part of Pennsylvania. Seven children were born of their union, namely: Rev. H. P., a Presbyterian clergyman of Garrett, Kan.; Martha, wife of J. H. Myers, Post-

master at Holden, Mo.; James O., who died of yellow fever while serving in the Union Army, at the age of twenty-two; S. S., a farmer living at McEwensville, Northumberland County, Pa.; Margaret E., deceased, wife of John Geist, of New Holland, Lancaster County; Florence C., wife of J. J. Davis, District Attorney at Des Moines, Iowa; and Mary J., wife of T. J. Hughes, member of the hardware firm of Dampman & Hughes, of Honeybrook, Chester County, Pa. The mother of these children died in 1846.

The second marriage of John Alexander occurred in 1850, his wife being Jane Sankey, whose father, Jeremiah Sankey, lived at Potter's Bank, Centre County, Pa. Two children resulted from this union, our subject and Elmira. The latter was born in 1853, and died in 1858, at the age of five years. The father passed away in 1876, at the age of sixty-four. The mother died three years later, aged sixty-seven. Our subject was in youth a student in the schools of Kelly Township. He was a diligent, thoughtful student. One day while sitting at his desk, across which the bright sunlight streamed, he was preparing for a reading exercise in his old Sander's Third Reader, and stopped to analyze in a childish way the purport of a phrase at the close of a selection, the simple words "Continue to the end," weighed upon his mind and impressed him to such an extent that he commenced to apply its tenor to his every day life, until the motto became a part of his being and has remained with him, a source of inspiration, and in a large measure the secret of his success. He carried it with him through the district school, the college and in the pursuit of his medical studies in the university. He became successful in his profession, a popular physician, and built up one of the largest country practices in this section.

Graduating from Bucknell University in 1873, and from the Medical Department in 1876, Dr. Alexander was afterward employed for a short time in a hospital, then opened an office in Marietta. Being young and inexperienced, he had the usual difficulties in getting a foothold, but with the words of his motto, "Continue to the end," to encourage him, he worked diligently until he secured recognition, and ere long had established a



handsome practice. In 1889 he abandoned the regular practice to devote his entire attention to the propagating of vaccine virus, which he had started in 1882. In this he has met with flattering financial success, and his net profits in a single year have been many thousands. In addition to this place, he owns one hundred and sixty-seven acres, comprising one of the finest farms in Northumberland County, Pa., to the management of which he gives his personal attention, and of which mention has been made above. He also owns valuable property in Omaha and Minneapolis.

A Republican in politics, Dr. Alexander has served as School Director in East Donegal Township. A Presbyterian in religious belief, he is now a Deacon in that church in Marietta. He is a member of the State Medical Society, and the Lancaster City and County Medical Associations. He is connected with the Washington Life & Maturity Company, the Baltimore Building & Loan Association, and the Home Building & Loan Association of Marietta.

May 23, 1877, Dr. Alexander married Miss Martha H., daughter of Samuel Woolman, an oil speculator of Philadelphia, Pa. They are the parents of six children, namely: J. Hulme, who was born July 6, 1878, and was a lad of remarkable intelligence, his death at the World's Fair, June 6, 1893, being a severe blow to the family; Edith J., born August 5, 1880; Anna Mertie, May 31, 1881; Hamill Bayard, September 30, 1889; Lillian Ray, March 5, 1891; and Marion A., July 23, 1894.

Dr. Alexander was one of the projectors and chief promoters of the American Exhibitors' Association, organized at the World's Fair, and became Vice-President of the Association. At that Exposition he received the only premium awarded on vaccine virus. His virus was afterward pronounced, as a result of scientific investigation by the most eminent chemists of the country constituting a Board for that purpose, to be the purest vaccine manufactured by any concern in the world.

This sketch would be incomplete were no mention made of Dr. Alexander's connection with the relief work in behalf of the Johnstown sufferers. He was invited by the Pennsylvania State Board of Health to deliver an address before the State

Sanitary Convention in Pittsburg on the 31st of May, 1889, the day the flood occurred. He learned of the disaster early Saturday morning, June 1, in fact heard a few rumors about it Friday night. Joining in with other strangers who were at the Convention, and having friends in Johnstown, many of whom were drowned, he aided in loading cars with drug relief supplies during Saturday, and went down on the first train Saturday night. Leaving the train at Sanghollow, a Mr. Turner and himself were the only ones who would venture to cross the six miles into Johnstown, over the dangerous land-slides and wash-out to reach that place. They carried some medical supplies and blankets, reached the stone bridge early on Sunday morning, and remained for five days working with the relief department in that stricken city. Once the Doctor fell into the Conemaugh River, by the breaking of a temporary bridge, and one night he spent sleeping against an oak tree, having sat down in the rain to rest for a few minutes, and failed to arise until the next morning. His labors consisted in what help he could render from a medical standpoint, and what other outside assistance fell in his way. On his return home he was called upon by his fellow-citizens to deliver an address on the subject, the receipts going to swell the funds for the relief of the sufferers.

To illustrate a trait in the character of Dr. Alexander, we mention an incident in his life. It is related of him that a man of very limited means came to him, stating that his farm had been deluged with sand to the depth of fifteen or twenty inches at the time of the Johnstown Flood. This catastrophe ruined the land and rendered its owner insolvent. Dr. Alexander conceived a gigantic undertaking by which the land might be restored to its former usefulness and the farmer be made to realize a gain out of the sale of the sand. Twice he projected the scheme, leaving it to other parties for completion, but both times it was abandoned. Finally he secured a privilege from the Pennsylvania Railroad to build a siding up to the farm, and then by tramways the sand was transferred to the cars. At first the lookers-on smiled at what they considered an impractical scheme, but in the course of a year it was the

farmer who smiled, for the mortgage was paid off, the land was cleared of the sand and restored to its former utility. Did space permit, other incidents might be added to show the indomitable perseverance of Dr. Alexander. Enough, however, has been given to enable the reader to understand the remarkable perseverance, energy and determination of the man who has gained world-wide fame.



**D**AVID H. MILLER. The subject of the following sketch is one of the leading business men of Lancaster, where he is carrying on a profitable trade as plumber, gas-fitter and contractor of sewer work. He is very prominent in local affairs, and is at present representing the Ninth Ward in the Common Council. He is liberal, public-spirited and one of those men who command the respect and esteem of all who have the pleasure of their acquaintance.

Born in this city, October 5, 1859, our subject is the son of David Miller, a native of Strasburg. His paternal grandfather was a farmer in early life, but afterward engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods. The father of our subject was the youngest member of his parents' family, and after moving to Lancaster learned moulding. He did not follow this long however, when he entered the cotton mills and worked his way from the lowest department to the position of foreman, which office he is now filling in mill No. 1.

The mother of our subject, Mrs. Caroline (Koutz) Miller, was born in this city and departed hence in 1889. She reared a family of eleven children, nine of whom are living at the present time. Sadie, Mrs. Hawthorn, lives in this city; our subject was next in the order of birth; Charles is a resident of Denver, Colo.; Mary, Mrs. Young, is living in Lancaster; Margy is at home with her father; Samuel W. is a physician in this city; Ella is living in Chicago; John is engaged in business with our subject, and Emma is at home.

David H. Miller was a lad of ten years when he

entered the cotton mills, working in mill No. 4 for about two years, when he was given a position in No. 2. Five years later, however, he abandoned that line of work and apprenticed himself to learn the plumber's trade. In 1879 he went to Baltimore, Md., where he remained for three months, and then returning to Lancaster started in business for himself, opening a shop at No. 340 North Queen Street. This place he rented until 1891, when he purchased the property and erected thereon new shops, his office being at No. 350 North Queen Street. He is a practical workman, does plumbing of all kinds, gas-fitting, iron roofing, and takes contracts for sewer work. During the busy season he gives employment to twenty-two men, and is carrying on the largest trade in his line in the city.

The original of this sketch was married in 1884 to Miss Ida, daughter of William Harmon, a resident of this city. To them has been born a daughter, Mabel. In 1891 Mr. Miller was elected on the Republican ticket to the Common Council from the Ninth Ward, and has been re-elected each succeeding year. He is an active business man, energetic, honorable and cordial, and all who know him esteem him for his sterling worth.



**W**ILLIAM RIDDLE, a member of the Select Council of Lancaster, is one of the best known and most highly esteemed residents of this county, as he has penetrated to every part as a representative for the well known publishing house of Blakeman Company and the American Book Company. At the present time he is in the employ of Ginn & Co., of New York, who are also publishers of school supplies. Mr. Riddle has also traveled quite extensively in many of the western states, and has a rare gift of entertainingly relating his experiences and places he has visited. An article, of which he is the author, appeared in the *New Era* of Lancaster, in November, 1893. It

was entitled "A Summer-day Trip," or "Lancaster County from a Tally-ho," and received universal commendation for its interesting reminiscences and descriptive power.

Jacob Riddle, our subject's father, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and learned the cabinet-maker's trade. At the age of twenty years he came to America, settling first in Philadelphia, and subsequently coming to Lancaster, where he worked at his trade and as a machinist. Afterwards he settled in Fairview and engaged in the manufacture of threshers and corn shellers. He is now living retired from business cares, being in his eighty-seventh year, and resides with our subject. He is a Protestant and his family belongs to the Episcopal Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Fredericka Killinger, was born in Germany, but was reared in this state, whither she was brought by her parents in childhood. She became the mother of five children who grew to maturity, but only two of whom are living, and she was called to her final rest in 1884.

William Riddle was a resident of Lancaster until attaining his eighteenth year, when he went to Paradise and Fairview. For three years he served an apprenticeship as a machinist and wood worker. He had made the best of his educational privileges, and securing a certificate, engaged in teaching in Strasburg Township for a year, after which he was for six years in charge of schools in Leacock and Paradise Townships. Returning then to this city, he was given the principalship of the South Duke Street Grammar School, a position he held for three years. During the summer vacations of 1866 and 1867 he was employed by the Blakeman Company in selling their school book publications, and from 1868 he gave all his attention to this employment. He had under his jurisdiction sixteen counties, and established agencies in all parts of this territory. In 1890 the company for which he had so long worked was merged into the American Book Concern, and as he had given such thorough satisfaction he was retained in their employ. In January, 1894, he became representative of the New York firm of Ginn & Co.

In 1874 Mr. Riddle was married in Lancaster to Arabella Zug, who was born in Lititz, being a

daughter of a farmer and hotel man, who was at one time in the Government employ at Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Riddle have four living children: Mary, William, Howard and Robert, and their pleasant home, which is at No. 314 North Lime Street, was erected by our subject. The family are members of the Moravian Church of this place.

From 1869 to 1872 Mr. Riddle was a member of the School Board, and has always been greatly interested in educational affairs. He is an active Republican, and from 1881 until 1892 was a member of the Select City Council, and in the latter year served as its President. For seven years he was Chairman of the Committee on Streets and Highways, and also served as a member of the special water committee, which had in charge the erection of the new water works. In the spring of 1894 he was re-elected to the Select Council from the Sixth Ward, and is still serving as such. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Lancaster Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.; to Lancaster Chapter No. 43, R. A. M., and to Commandery No. 13, K. T.



WILLIAM K. BENDER is one of the native sons of Lancaster County, and within its limits has passed nearly his entire life. He is an influential citizen of Strasburg. He is a veteran of the late war, having been a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Regiment, and received wounds while fighting for his country's liberties. Like all true patriots, he is interested in the cause of education, has served as School Director for three terms and at the present time is acting in that capacity for the borough of Strasburg.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, George Bender, was a farmer for many years in Upper Leacock Township, and his life work was that of agriculture. He was very prominent in religious affairs, and held membership with the Lutheran

denomination. Politically he was a Whig, and was devoted to his country's best interests. By his marriage with Catherine Kinzer, he had four children: Margaret, who became the wife of Jacob Holl; Kinzer D.; Eliza, Mrs. Benjamin Owan, and William G., all of whom are deceased. The second son, Kinzer D., was born in Upper Leacock Township, September 30, 1809, and from his boyhood followed farming in order to obtain a livelihood. He became very prosperous, and stood in the front ranks of the farmers of Lancaster County in his day. At one time he acquired six farms situated in the Leacocks and Earl Townships, and he always kept a fine grade of stock. He was a staunch Whig, and in his later years adhered to the Republican party. He served in local offices, and among others was a School Director. Though he was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and at one time was a Trustee in that denomination, during his last years he was identified with the Evangelical Church. By his union with Mary Weidler he had four children, three of whom are living: Franklin, John W., William K., and Mary, now Mrs. Jacob Burkholder. The deceased son, John W., is represented by his only child living, John Bender, a prominent young man residing near Miller's Church, this county. He is quite a financier, and possessed of more than ordinary musical talent, and is prominently engaged in moral reform. The father departed this life in 1889, after a useful and honored career.

William K. Bender was born in Upper Leacock Township, October 3, 1839. His boyhood days were passed on his father's farm, and he early learned the duties pertaining thereto. His education was such as could be obtained in the schools of the township, where he was a student until about eighteen years of age. His own elementary education was supplemented by several terms in the White Hall Academy and in Millersville Normal School, and thus equipped, the young man obtained a certificate, and for two years he engaged in teaching school. On the expiration of this time, he volunteered his services for the defense of the Union, enlisting in August, 1862, as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Infantry. He participated in a number

of engagements and battles, and was always found faithful to his duties and trusts. At the battle of Chancellorsville, in which with his regiment he took part, being under the command of General Hooker, he was wounded, and at the expiration of his term of enlistment, was mustered out of the service, May 20, 1863, having been connected with the nine-months organization.

Mr. Bender has been prosperous in his various undertakings as a farmer and in other industries. He is prominently connected with the Susquehanna Iron Company of Columbia, Pa., in which he is a Director, and the Lebanon Iron Company of Lebanon, Pa. He is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and religiously holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he has served in the official capacities of Trustee and Steward. At times he has also served as Sunday-school Superintendent, and takes his share of the church work in every department. October 24, 1865, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Bender and Miss Lizzie A. Hartman, whose parents were among the pioneer settlers of the community, and very prominent citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Bender have three children: Ella M., Alice S. and Christie E.



**J**OHAN Y. WEIDMAN, who is President of the Ephrata National Bank, and a retired merchant of Weidmanville, was born there November 1, 1835, and is a son of Martin and Lydia (Yundt) Weidman, who were also natives of Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Jacob Weidman, was also born in Lancaster County, but the great-grandfather was a native of Germany, and was born in Wurtemberg. He emigrated to America in an early day, and his descendants have made Lancaster County their home ever since. Martin Weidman was a merchant of Weidmanville, and was a well known and highly respected citizen of that place, and in 1830 was married to Miss Lydia Yundt, a daughter of John T. Yundt, a prominent merchant, miller and farmer

of Lancaster County. He was born in 1757, and died in 1832, at the age of seventy-five years. Mr. Yundt was of German descent.

Martin and Lydia Weidman were the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters. Martin, the eldest, died in infancy; Simon P. was born October 21, 1833, and died April 13, 1875; John Y. is our subject; Sarah E., deceased, was the wife of Martin B. Steinmetz; Lydia A., born June 5, 1842, and died March 2, 1874, was the wife of J. B. Eshleman; and Susan E. became the wife of Rev. Stephen Sweitzer, pastor of the Reformed Church in Ephrata. Our subject spent the days of his boyhood attending the public schools of his native place and assisting his father in the store. He was head clerk in that establishment for years, and being pleasant and courteous, he was popular with young and old. The credit for a large share of the enterprise which helps to make Weidmanville the thriving and bustling place that it is, belongs in a considerable degree to such stirring, energetic business men as John Y. Weidman.

The marriage of Mr. Weidman occurred July 8, 1869, uniting him with Miss Emma L. Fry. She was born January 14, 1811, and is the daughter of Curtis Fry, a native of Lancaster County. He was born October 14, 1808, and departed this life November 27, 1874. Mrs. Weidman's grandparents were pioneers of Pennsylvania, having emigrated to the United States from Germany in an early day. Our subject and his estimable wife are the parents of one child, a son, Martin Ward, a merchant of Weidmanville, who was born October 28, 1871. He was married October 5, 1893, to Miss Minora L. Bear, a daughter of John G. and Hester (Landis) Bear.

Mrs. Sarah Steinmetz, a sister of our subject, has two surviving daughters, Alice, the wife of William Becker, and Susan, now Mrs. Dr. G. C. Kinard. Lydia Eshleman, another sister, has one surviving son, John W., of Ephrata; and Simon P. has one son, Martin L. Politically our subject is a Republican, but has never aspired to public office. He is a loyal citizen and public spirited, ever ready to do his share in all matters of general welfare. Mr. Weidman is now living a retired life from active business, but superintends a small

farm of thirty-five acres. Socially the family is one of the best known and most influential in the county, and both Mr. and Mrs. Weidman have the regard of their many friends.



**B**ENJAMIN R. STAUFFER, who is busily and profitably carrying on agriculture in East Lampeter Township, is one of its most worthy citizens, and is held in high estimation by all about him. He is the son of Daniel and Mary (Rohrer) Stauffer, and was born on the home farm February 26, 1827.

In 1749 Johannes Stauffer, the grandfather of our subject, emigrated from Germany, landing first in Philadelphia, whence he came direct to Lancaster County, where his father, John Stauffer, purchased six hundred acres of land from William Penn. Our subject now has in his possession the deed which was given on that occasion. The grandfather was born in Germany January 15, 1737, and on the death of his father in America, carried on the old homestead, at the same time preaching in the Mennonite Church. November 11, 1764, he married Miss Frankie Buckwater, who was born June 19, 1746. The children resulting from their union were Daniel, Christian, John and Fannie. The grandfather died December 26, 1811, and his good wife passed away February 18, 1828.

The father of our subject was born on the old homestead March 29, 1771, and choosing the life of an agriculturist, became the owner of one hundred and eighty acres of the home farm. He was well read, especially in the Scriptures, and was a devoted member of the Mennonite Church. In politics he was a staunch Democrat and active in the affairs of his party. November 1, 1803, he married Mary Rohrer, who was born on Christmas Day of 1781, and was the daughter of Isaac Rohrer, a farmer of this township. Their union resulted in the birth of seven sons and four daughters. Daniel, born December 6 1805 was for a time an

agriculturist of this county, but later removed to Ohio, where he died. Mary, who was born in March, 1807, died in 1856, unmarried. John was born January 27, 1809, and departed this life in the Buckeye State in 1867. Henry was born December 28, 1812, and died March 19, 1894. Isaac was born July 1, 1814, and became a farmer of Martie Township, where he died November 18, 1885. Susan, born January 22, 1817, married Samuel Kurtz, and died September 4, 1845, in Manheim Township. Christian was born September 25, 1818, and is engaged as a cabinet-maker in Louisville, Ky. Esther, born March 28, 1820, is the wife of Joseph Herr, of West Lampeter Township, this county. Ephraim was born in May, 1821, and died in Ohio in 1859. Our subject was the next in order of birth. Elizabeth, whose birth occurred November 22, 1828, is a widow, and makes her home in Ohio. The father died on the 21st of September, 1855, and the mother on the 2d of January, 1873.

The original of this sketch was educated in the common schools, and has spent almost his entire life on the old homestead, of which he now owns ninety-three acres. For two years he was engaged in milling, but after his marriage returned to the farm, where he has since resided, and is now occupied in its cultivation with good results. Mr. Stauffer was one of the organizers and Directors of the Eastern Market of Lancaster. He is a staunch Democrat in politics and an active member of the Mennonite Church. He is a very religious man, and active in all good works in his community.

Mr. Stauffer was married December 25, 1853, to Miss Elizabeth R., daughter of Rev. Joseph Mayer, a minister in the Dunkard Church. To them were born three children, of whom two died in infancy, and Daniel M., born in 1856, is engaged as a carpenter in East Petersburg Township. Mrs. Stauffer departed this life September 21, 1857, and January 6, 1859, our subject married Miss Anna S., daughter of George Kreider. Of their children, Mary, who was born December 25, 1859, married Isaac Buckwater, and is now deceased; Elizabeth, born March 3, 1863, married Levi B. Huber, and is living in Manheim Township; Anna K., born January 1, 1867, is the wife of Amos Krcider, and

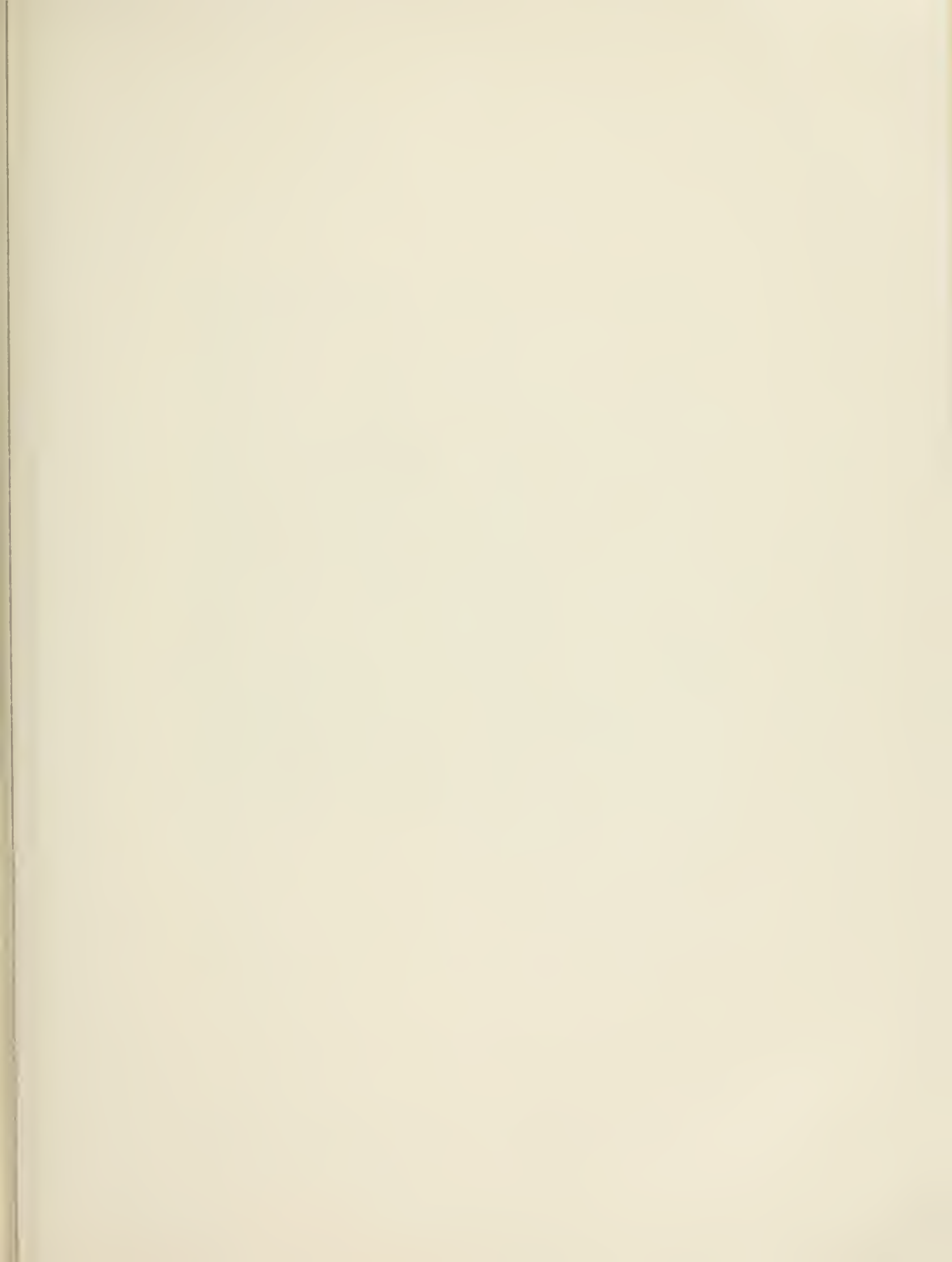
makes her home in this township; and Emma K., born April 6, 1871, married Henry H. Frank, and is living in this county.



**H**ENRY CLAY YOUNG owns a one-third interest in the Columbia Flint Company, pulverizers of pure rock flint, whose works have a capacity of twenty-five tons per day and give employment to fourteen men. Mr. Young was born in this city September 14, 1852, and is the son of Benjamin and Sarah (Lentz) Young, the former of whom was a native of Marietta, this county. He received his education in Columbia, where he learned the trade of a merchant tailor, following that business very successfully until his decease, which occurred in 1854, resulting from cholera. He was a prominent Odd Fellow, belonging to Susquehanna Lodge of Columbia.

The parental family of our subject included seven children, viz.: Amanda, Henrietta, Winfield Scott, John Edward, Llewellyn, George W. and Henry C., the two last twins. The father died September 29, 1854, at the age of forty-two years. His good wife is still living at the age of seventy-seven years, and married for her second husband Henry Haines, who is now also deceased.

Henry C., of this sketch, was educated in the public schools of Maytown, this county, and when fourteen years of age went to New Albany, Ind., where he learned to manufacture cotton and woolen goods. He remained in the west from 1867 to 1876, when he returned to this state, and was engaged in work in Philadelphia for three years, when we find him located in Columbia, where he served a year's apprenticeship in painting and paper hanging. Returning at the expiration of that time to Indiana, he there engaged in business on his own account, and continued thus until his location in Fairfield, Iowa. Remaining there but a short time, Mr. Young made his way





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back to St. Louis, Mo., where he was engaged in the retail cigar business, and after a short time returned to the Quaker City, where he carried on a furniture, house furnishing and paper hanging business until 1881.

The same year Henry C. Young came to Columbia and opened a fine establishment stocked with a full line of wall paper, and built up an excellent business, remaining in his first location until January 1, 1894. He recently sold out his business and purchased the stock of the Columbia Flint Company, of which he was made President and Manager.

Mr. Young is a stockholder and for two years was Director in the Columbia Wagon Company, and is also interested in the Keeley Stove Works. He is the possessor of much valuable real estate in the city, owning a number of residences besides unimproved property. He is likewise a stockholder in the Middle States Building and Loan Association of Hagerstown, Md., and socially belongs to Columbia Lodge No. 286, F. & A. M., and Corinthian Chapter No. 224, and Cyrene Commandery No. 34. In religious affairs he is connected with the Lutheran Church, to the support of which he is a regular contributor. In politics our subject is a staunch Democrat and takes an active interest in the success of his party.

Henry Clay Young and Miss Esther C., daughter of Samuel Filbert, were united in marriage February 15, 1877. To them has been born a daughter, L. Cora.



**B**ENJAMIN F. HESTAND, President of the Exchange Bank of Marietta. The history of the Hiestand family in America dates back to the year 1727, when Johannes Hiestand emigrated to this country from Germany, making settlement in Manor Township, Lancaster County, and there remaining until his death in 1784. His son Henry, who died in 1805, was the

father of four sons, John, Peter, Jacob and Henry, and two daughters, Elizabeth and Barbara. The eldest son, John, moved from Manor to Donegal Township, where he purchased a large tract of land. He died in 1797, leaving five sons, Jacob, Andrew, Henry, John and Peter. He was fifty-eight years survived by his widow, Annie (Hershey) Hiestand, who passed from earth March 5, 1855, aged ninety-three years and six days. They were the parents of five sons, of whom the eldest, Jacob, spent his entire life upon one of the homes; he married, and at his death left a daughter, Barbara, wife of Nathaniel Ellmaker.

Andrew, the second son of John and Annie Hiestand, lived and died upon a farm adjoining the old homestead. He married Annie Miller, and their union was blessed by the birth of three sons and three daughters, namely: John M., a farmer of Donegal Township, who married Martha Hiestand and had four sons and one daughter; Andrew M., a physician, first in Mt. Joy, who moved thence to Norfolk, Va., in 1879, and there died in 1887, leaving a widow and one son, Albert; Benjamin F., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth (Mrs. Benjamin Hostetter); Ann, who married John Summy; and Mary, wife of Henry Shenk.

Henry, the third son of John Hiestand, married Margaret Cochran, their union resulting in the birth of six sons. The eldest, Hon. John A. Hiestand, is deceased, as is also Samuel C., for many years a partner of the subject of this sketch; the other four sons are Henry, Peter, Jacob and Abram. John, the fourth son, also married a Miss Cochran, sister of the wife of his brother Henry; he moved to Dayton, Ohio, where he died leaving four sons, Jacob, Andrew, Henry and Aaron, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Mary and Julia. Peter, the fifth son, was married and moved to Indiana, where he died leaving no issue.

Upon the old homestead in East Donegal Township, near Marietta, which has been in the possession of the family for over one hundred years, and is now owned by the subject of this sketch, the birth of Benjamin F. Hiestand occurred July 3, 1828. He went to Marietta in 1848 before he was twenty-one years of age, and entered into the lumber business. Two years later he formed a

partnership with the late Samuel C. Hiestand, and their business relations continued until the death of the latter in 1876, since which time it has been in the hands of our subject, a period of nearly a half-century. Of late years his three sons, B. Frank, Henry S. and George, have been taken into the firm, and the management is now in their hands, thus affording their father an opportunity to attend to the numerous other enterprises in which he is interested.

In 1863 the First National Bank of Marietta was organized, and Mr. Hiestand was one of the original subscribers to the stock. He also served as a Director and the Vice-President of the concern until 1874, when he disposed of his stock. At that time the bank had a surplus equal to its capital. Then, associated with a number of prominent citizens of the community, Mr. Hiestand organized the Exchange Bank of Marietta, with a capital of \$50,000, which has now a surplus more than its capital. Of this institution he has been President since its incorporation, and has made a dividend of five per cent. annually.

Associated with A. H. Musselman, now deceased, Mr. Hiestand in 1863 organized the Chickies Rolling Mill Company, but the partnership was dissolved after three years. He was one of the original stockholders and managers of the Marietta Hollow Ware Works, but in 1883 disposed of his interest in that enterprise, the stock being worth more than double its original value. In 1889 he again entered into business, organizing the Marietta Casting Company, with a capital of \$50,000. He has been President of the company since its origin. In agricultural pursuits he has always taken a great interest, and his farms adjoining Marietta are among the finest in the state, being especially adapted for the cultivation of tobacco, fifty-five to sixty-five acres being grown annually. Among the numerous business enterprises in which Mr. Hiestand has engaged we must not fail to mention his large operations in the purchasing and packing of leaf tobacco.

Often called upon to fill positions of trust, Mr. Hiestand has served as executor, administrator, assignee, guardian and trustee of large estates. He was one of the originators of the Hanover Junc-

tion Railroad, which extended from Chickies to the Reading & Columbia Railroad, and since then has been a Director in the Columbia & Reading Road.

In 1858 he married Miss Martha Schock, and one daughter and seven sons were born of the union. The three sons above mentioned are the only survivors. Annie, Eugene and Walter died in childhood; Horace A. when he was just entering into manhood, and John Andrew, an attorney-at-law, in 1894, at the age of thirty-one. The latter was especially able and intelligent, and by his untimely death a life of great promise was suddenly terminated. B. Frank, Mr. Hiestand's eldest son, was married in 1887 to Miss Mary Mehaffey, eldest daughter of George W. Mehaffey; she died in 1790.

Mr. Hiestand is recognized as one of the best business men of the county, and is known as a remarkably shrewd financier. He is conservative, yet enterprising. By all who know him he is looked up to, not only as a sound business man, but also as a Christian gentleman and a citizen of the highest standing. He admires industry and frugality, and is always willing to lend a helping hand to those who help themselves. His leading characteristics are perseverance, good judgment and remarkable business ability, frugality on the practical side, coupled with a warm heart and sympathetic disposition on the other.



**M**ARTIN L. HERR, A. M., M. D. There is probably no citizen of Lancaster whose name is connected with more progressive enterprises or whose efforts have more largely promoted the material progress of the place, than the gentleman who forms the subject of this sketch. For many years he has conducted the most extensive practice of any physician of the city, and is also identified with various leading measures and business enterprises. He is now serving as Vice-

President and Director of the Lancaster Land and Improvement Company, President of the Lancaster and Columbia Electric Railway Company, President of the Lancaster Safety Buggy Company, Vice-President of the Lancaster Traction Company and Director in the Conestoga National Bank and the Hubley Manufacturing Company.

For many generations the Herr family has resided in Lancaster County, where settlement was first made by John (or Hans) Herr, a native of Switzerland, who in 1709 located in what is now Lampeter Township, near Willow Street. His settlement antedated the purchase of the land from William Penn. Prosperity attended his labors in the New World. He became a farmer and large land owner, and died well-to-do in this world's goods. In religious faith he was a Mennonite. Through him we trace the family genealogy to Manuel, his son; Rev. John, a minister in the Mennonite Church; David, an agriculturist by occupation; Adam, who owned and operated a mill at Strasburg, on Pequea Creek, and there died; Christian B., a native of Strasburg; and Dr. Herr, of this sketch.

Our subject's father followed the combined occupations of miller and farmer, carrying on a farm in Lampeter Township, where he died at the age of thirty-eight years. His wife, whose maiden name was Maria Light, was born near Lancaster, and was a daughter of Martin Light, a farmer, speculator, large land owner and prominent Whig politician, who died at the age of fifty-three years. Mrs. Maria Herr now makes her home with her eldest son, Dr. Herr. Her other son, Adam F., became a dentist, and died in Lancaster, aged thirty-eight years. There are two daughters living: Mrs. Annie E. Yokum, of Columbia, Pa.; and Mrs. Fannie Keefer, of Columbia.

Strasburg, Lancaster County, is Dr. Herr's birthplace, and September 13, 1838, his natal day. His education was gained in the Lancaster public schools, and at the age of nineteen he commenced to teach school, spending the winter months in that occupation, while during the summer he was a student in the State Normal at Millersville. He continued in that way for three years. Under the preceptorship of Dr. Cassidy, of Lancaster, he com-

menced the study of medicine, and later attended Jefferson Medical College one and one-half terms. In 1862 he was appointed medical cadet in the United States army, and four years later was graduated from the University of Nashville with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. As a medical cadet he was employed in the general hospital at Nashville, where he practiced medicine and surgery. He also received the appointment of Assistant Surgeon in 1865, which position he held until 1867. Then resigning he returned to Lancaster, opened an office, and has since engaged in the practice of his profession. As a surgeon, he has gained more than local prominence, and has performed many delicate and intricate operations with skill and success.

The lady who in 1870 became the wife of Dr. Herr bore the maiden name of Rosina E. Hubley, and was born in Philadelphia, a daughter of John Hubley, of that city. Her grandmother, Mrs. Rosina Hubley, was quite prominent during the late war, being President of the organization known as the Patriot Daughters. Mrs. Herr died in 1889, after having become the mother of five children. They are: Sarah M.; William Hubley, a student in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, being a member of the Class of '97; Robert Martin, who died in 1881; John Light, an electrician; and Annie Elizabeth. On the 15th of March, 1894, Dr. Herr was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John C. Hager, a merchant of Lancaster.

The political views of Dr. Herr are in accord with Republican principles. Prominent in local affairs, he served as Chairman of the Council two years and as a member for several years. On the School Board he rendered efficient service in the interests of education for twelve years. Socially, he is connected with the G. H. Thomas Post No. 84, G. A. R. He secured the organization of the first Board of Health in Lancaster, and was its President. Organizing the Lancaster Pathological Medical Society, he was its President for several terms, and has always been active in its work. He is also identified with the County, State and American Medical Societies, as well as the International Medical Association. He was delegate to the con-

vention of the last-named organization, which met at Berlin, Germany, in 1890, and four years later again served as delegate to the convention at Rome, Italy. Frequently he has been called upon to contribute articles to prominent medical journals, and these have been widely read and copied.

An Episcopalian in religious belief, Dr. Herr has for some time been a Vestryman in the St. James' Church. As before stated, he is connected with various corporations, and is foremost in progressive measures. He is a lecturer on anatomy and hygiene in Franklin and Marshall College, surgeon of the Lancaster General Hospital and consulting surgeon of St. Joseph's Hospital. He laid out the East End Addition to the city, a tract of seventeen acres extending from King Street to below Chester. His residence and office are located at Nos. 226-228 North Duke Street. The success which has come to him is not the result of fortuitous circumstances, but of energy, determination, force of character and decision of purpose. His versatile talents place him among the leading citizens of the city and state, and have also gained for him an extensive acquaintance.



COL. JAMES DUFFY, Aide-de-camp on the staff of Governor Pattison, is one of the most prominent citizens of Marietta. He comes of good old Celtic ancestry, and his paternal grandfather was a member of the famous Light Horse Cavalry of Ireland previous to his emigration to the United States in 1800. The father of the latter, John Duffy, was born in Cunningham, County Donegal, and was a leather dresser by trade. By his marriage with Ann Bradley, he had one son, James, whose birth occurred in the same locality as did his father's. James Duffy was a man of large acquirements and business ability, and after settling in Lancaster County, constructed the Marietta & Lancaster Turnpike and that from Elizabethtown to the Susquehanna River, as well as the

road from Carlisle to Baltimore by way of York Springs and Gettysburg. He married Catherine Sheridan, a native of County Donegal, by whom he had twelve children. He was a Democrat, and in religious belief a Roman Catholic. He died in 1836, aged sixty-five years, while his wife's death occurred in 1820. He was one of the projectors of the borough of Marietta and did much to forward the prosperity of the county.

Our subject's father, Col. James Duffy, was born in this place September 16, 1818, and in his boyhood engaged in rafting on the Susquehanna, finally rising to the rank of pilot. He continued thus employed until 1846, and the following year made a trip to Europe. In 1848 he established a line of boats for transporting coal from Pottsville to New York, in the interest of the Schuylkill Navigation Company. In connection with James Mehaffy he began dealing in land at Marietta, and later embarking in the lumber business, continued in the same until 1865. In 1861 he began transporting supplies for the Government to forts in New Mexico, Salt Lake City and the west. The magnitude of these contracts can be estimated from the fact that millions of dollars were employed, and over thirty thousand oxen were used. After seven years spent in this direction Mr. Duffy retired from active business, devoting his attention to his landed interests, and won the reputation of being the largest tobacco grower in the state. In 1877 he became interested in the Marietta Hollow Ware and Enameling Company, and controlled one-half of the stock. In 1875 he was appointed a member of the Board of Fish Commissioners for Pennsylvania. He was one of the Directors of the Bald Eagle Valley Railroad, and was active in the support of many enterprises. He was a Democrat and in religion was, like his forefathers, a Roman Catholic.

Col. James Duffy, Sr., was married September 8, 1863, to Martha, daughter of John Park, of this city, and to them were born the following children: Josephine; Catherine, deceased; James, our subject; Donald Cameron; Thomas Bayard; John Park, deceased; Martha Park; John Park; the second of the name, who has also passed away, and one who died in infancy.

The birth of our subject occurred at Marietta

August 24, 1867. His early education was obtained in the public schools and afterward he attended Georgetown (D. C.) College, and the Pennsylvania Military College of Chester, Pa. In 1889 he left the latter institution to embark in business, and is now Treasurer of the Marietta Hollow Ware and Enameling Company, one of the leading industries in this county. He is a man of progressive ideas and executive ability. Politically he is affiliated with the Democratic party, was a delegate to the State Conventions of 1891 and 1891, and in 1892 was a candidate for Presidential Elector. In 1890 he was elected Burgess of Marietta by a majority of one hundred and ninety-eight, although the nominal Republican majority was one hundred. In the following year and in 1892 he was honored by reelection, and February 2, 1891, was appointed Aide-de-camp on Governor Pattison's staff. The Colonel resides in a spacious mansion at Marietta, from whose quarters a magnificent view of the Susquehanna and the York County hills is obtained. The owner is a genial, hospitable gentleman, who has won friends in all circles.



**H** S. STAUFFER, Manager of the Columbia Grey Iron Company, is also interested in various enterprises in the city and is the owner of much valuable real estate. He is a Director and Vice-President of the National Bank of Mt. Joy, and being a man of progressive ideas, is unexcelled as a business man, and is one of the leading and wealthy citizens of Columbia.

Our subject is the son of John and Elizabeth (Hostetter) Stauffer, and was born in 1846, in East Hempfield Township, Lancaster County. The family is of Swiss origin, the first representative coming to America many years ago and locating on property in this county. Grandfather Martin Stauffer lived in the northwestern portion of Lancaster County, and owned mills in Manheim. He enlisted as a soldier in the War of 1812, but was

not allowed to participate, as peace was declared while he was en route to Baltimore.

The father of our subject was born in Marietta, this county. He was a very prominent man in his community, and was one of the promoters and organizers of the Manheim National Bank, of which he served as President until his death, in 1878. He was interested in numerous business enterprises in the place. In politics he was an active Republican, on which ticket he was elected Justice of the Peace and School Director.

The parental family included the following-named children: Maria, the wife of S. N. Eaby, who resides in Mt. Joy; Emanuel, who died when two years of age; our subject, and John K., who is farming the old homestead near Landisville. The husband and father died at the age of seventy-two years. His good wife departed this life in 1869, in the fifty-seventh year of her age.

H. S. Stauffer was a student in Millersville Normal School at the time of enlisting in the Union Army as a member of the Reserve Corps. The company was never ordered to the front and when mustered out he located in Mt. Joy, where for seventeen years he was engaged in business alone. In 1881, however, in company with his brother-in-law, S. N. Eaby, he organized the Grey Iron Company, and they carried on the business together for a short time, when Mr. Eaby withdrew. Our subject then conducted affairs under the name of the Grey Iron Casting Company until 1892, when he sold the business to other parties, and remains in the capacity of manager of the plant. They give employment to sixty men at the present time, although the capacity of the mill is one hundred and twenty-five.

Mr. Stauffer is a stalwart Republican and takes great interest in the success of his party. Socially he is a member of Lodge No. 551, F. & A. M., Chapter No. 43, Commandery No. 13, and Lodge of Perfection No. 43. As an Odd Fellow, he is an officer in Salome Lodge at Manheim, and is also connected with Mt. Joy Lodge No. 277 of the same order. He belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Knights of Pythias in Lancaster. He is very influential in politics in his community and takes an active part in the Young

Men's Republican Club of Columbia and the Republican Lodge.

The marriage of Mr. Stauffer with Miss Catherine Becker was celebrated October 21, 1866. To them was born a son, Paris B., who is preparing himself to enter the ministry of the Episcopal Church. Mrs. Stauffer died in 1883, and two years later our subject was again married, his second union resulting in the birth of five children, named respectively, Paris, Howard B., Miriam, Elizabeth and Edith.



CLEMENT SMELTZ ERISMAN, a member of the Select Council of Lancaster, is one of the leading contractors in the city. He is practical and progressive in his ideas, and in favor of everything that can benefit the city in its steady upward progress. He is a native of Lancaster, and has always been identified with its development. His birth occurred July 15, 1838, and here he received a common and high school education, which has fitted him for his duties in after life.

The founder of the Erisman family in America was Melchoir, who emigrated from his native country, Switzerland, about 1716, and purchased a tract of land adjoining the present site of Lancaster. He was one of the pioneer agriculturists of this community, and was of the Mennonite faith. His son John, our subject's great-grandfather, was born and reared on his father's farm in Lancaster Township, and learned the carpenter's trade. He bore the reputation of being able to hew a log as smoothly as though it had been planed. In middle life he became a contractor and builder in the city of Lancaster, where his death occurred at the extreme old age of ninety years. Grandfather Jacob Erisman, born in this county, followed the occupation of a butcher, and his death occurred in Lancaster. Our subject's father, Jacob, who was born in this city, followed the business of tailoring for a great many years until appointed to the po-

sition of Tipstaff in the court house, which place he still holds, though now in his seventy-ninth year. He is a Republican and was once one of the Street Commissioners, and at another time Market Master. In his religious convictions he still adheres to the faith of his ancestors, being a member of the Moravian Church. His wife, Elizabeth, a native of Lancaster, is a daughter of Clement Smeltz, who was born in Germany, and was one of the early settlers of this locality. Mrs. Erisman, who is in her seventy-seventh year, holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of her six children, five are living.

Clement S. Erisman, who was named in honor of his maternal grandfather, is the eldest child in his father's family, and when seventeen years of age was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade. At the age of twenty he went to Harrisburg, where he remained for a time; he then returned to this city, but again going to Harrisburg, he worked at his trade, and was there married. The lady who became his wife April 28, 1861, was Miss Salome E. Cleckner, a native of that city. Our subject about a year later became a member of Company E, First Pennsylvania Militia, responding to the emergency call.

In 1869 Mr. Erisman engaged in contracting and building in Lancaster, and specimens of his handiwork are to be seen in all parts of the city and vicinity. We will mention only a few, as he is well known as having had the supervision of many of the finest structures. He erected the Baptist Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, the Lancaster County Bank, the beautiful residence of Miss Kate Long on the corner of Orange and Duke Streets, that of John B. Bausman, and many of the finest houses in the city. He owns and erected his residence at the corner of West Chestnut and Nevin Streets, and owns much other residence property.

Mr. and Mrs. Erisman have eight living children, and two are deceased. In order of birth they are as follows: Clement Grant, Harry, William, Charles, Mary, Clara, Bess and Bertha. The two eldest sons are carpenters, in business with their father; Mary is the wife of Milton Zercher; and Clara is Mrs. Harry Rossman, both of this city.

Our subject was elected a member of the Select

Council from the Fifth Ward in 1889, was re-elected in 1891, and again in 1893, having taken a very active part in the city legislation. When the question of a water reservoir came up he took a stand against it, and met with much opposition, but is now upheld in his position. Fraternally, he is an Odd Fellow and a member of the Artisans' Society. In politics it is needless to say to those that know him that he is a decided Republican. He and his wife are worthy and active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are held in the highest esteem and respect by their hosts of friends.



**R**EV. JAMES HARRISON ESTERLINE has for six years been the beloved pastor of the Church of God or Union Bethel congregation of Lancaster. This is one of the oldest church organizations in this locality, having been started about 1831, and the church building having been put up about ten years later. The edifice is of brick, with a lecture room and rectory adjoining, and its location is quite central, being at the corner of Orange and North Prince Streets. Our subject is a zealous worker in the Master's vineyard, having devoted the best years of his energy and life to the cause. He was born July 18, 1848, in Frederick County, Md., and his father, William Esterline, was a native of York County. The paternal grandfather, whose given name was George, was born in the Fatherland and at an early day removed to America, settling upon a farm in York County. The father of our subject was a farmer and also a cooper, meeting with good success in both lines of his work and becoming quite well-to-do. His wife, formerly Martha Corson, is still living, her home being in Mechanicstown, Md., and in the same state her nativity occurred. Both she and her husband have been affiliated with the Lutheran denomination, in which

faith they brought up their family, seven of whom are still living.

Rev. Mr. Esterline was reared on his father's farm, and being the eldest of the family, his services were in demand for a number of years in agricultural pursuits. In the spring of 1864, then only a youth barely of regulation age, he enlisted in Company I, Thirteenth Maryland Regiment, and was mustered into the service at Frederick City. His company was assigned to the Eighth Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, and were on guard and special duty in Virginia until the close of the war, when they were mustered out in Baltimore, in June, 1865. The education of our subject had been interrupted by the turmoil of war, and thus on his return to the north he continued the same, being a student in the State Normal School. Afterward he engaged in teaching school for a time and then decided to devote his life to the ministry.

The first theological studies of our subject were pursued under the tutelage of Rev. Mr. Schwartz, and in 1867 he became connected with the mission work of the United Brethren Church. In 1869 he was ordained, becoming junior pastor of the Church of God at Ft. Littleton. Afterward he was appointed as regular pastor at Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, and next was for a year at a church near Hagerstown, Md. For a similar period of time he was pastor of the church at Marysville, Pa., and also of the church at Philadelphia. For the next six years he was located for about two years each in charge of the congregations at Reading, Harrisburg and Martinsburg. The next three years were spent in Columbia, the succeeding five years in Newburg, and the two years thereafter again in Harrisburg. In the fall of 1889, coming to Lancaster, he assumed charge of the church with which he is yet connected, and under his guidance the various societies of the congregation have received new life and impetus for good.

Rev. Mr. Esterline has been twice married, his first wife having been Miss Steward, who was born in Landisburg, Perry County, and whose father, Thomas Steward, operated a farm in that locality. During the small-pox epidemic prevalent in Reading, Mrs. Esterline acquired the dread dis-

ease, from which her death resulted. The present wife of our subject, Lena D., was the daughter of a Mr. Killiam, an early settler of Lancaster and formerly engaged in business in this place. Our subject is a member of Orrtown Lodge, F. & A. M., and is identified with the Senior Order of United American Mechanics. He was given the honor of Speaker or President of the annual eldership, and has been a representative to the general tri-annual elderships.



**S**AM MATT FRIDY, of Lancaster, is the late Revenue Collector of the Ninth Revenue District in Pennsylvania and made a great success of the administration of affairs pertaining to that most important position. He was succeeded February 1, 1894, by Raymond E. Shearer, and when he turned over his accounts everything was in the most thorough order. His subordinates at the time of his leaving the position gave him a fine banquet and in every manner manifested their regret at the expiration of his term. Personally he is a man who is extremely well read, is pleasant and courteous in manner and is an enterprising and progressive business man, whose equal in some lines cannot be found.

The birth of Mr. Fridy occurred at Mountville, Lancaster County, March 11, 1837, and his father and paternal grandfather were both also born in the same township. His great-grandfather, John Andrew Fridy, was a native of Baden, Germany, and coming to America a single man, married and settled in this vicinity, engaging in the shoemaking business. His wife, by whom he had three children, was in her maidenhood Saloma Yost. The three sons, Matthias, Jacob and Christian, about 1742 settled at Penn's Manor, on Chestnut Hill, which is now occupied by William Walker. John Andrew Fridy was a shoemaker by trade and lived until over seventy years of age, dying in the faith of the Lutheran Church.

John Fridy, the father of our subject, engaged in farming during his active life and was foremost

in educational and local affairs. He was born in 1811, and his death occurred in 1886. In early years he affiliated with the Whig party, later becoming a Republican. The mother of our subject, Elizabeth (Musser) Fridy, was born in 1817 and is still a resident of Mountville, where her married life was passed. Her father, Peter Musser, was born in the same locality, as was also his father, who bore the Christian name of John, and his grandfather, who had the same name, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to America in 1740. He bought a farm in 1768 near Mountville, where he reared his family. At the battle of Brandywine he served as a teamster, driving his own horses and wagons.

In a family of eleven children, seven of whom are living, Mr. Fridy of this sketch is the first in order of birth. One brother, Cyrus, served in the Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery during the late war, his death occurring while he was in the army. Six of the family make their residence in Mountville. A brother-in-law, Dr. W. P. Snyder, is the present Senator from Chester County, bringing honors to his family. Sam Matt Fridy was reared on his father's farm, his education being gained in the common schools and in Whitehall Academy, at which latter place he was a student for one season. In 1856 he became a teacher of one of the schools near Mountville, the same he had attended in boyhood. Subsequently he was in charge of two schools in other parts of the township. In 1859 he was elected Justice of the Peace for West Hempfield Township, holding that position until 1862, when he became assistant to Gen. James L. Reynolds in the Union service and helped to make the first enrollment from the first draft in this county. The following year he went to Washington, serving in the Quartermaster-General's office in the War Department and having charge of the accounts, which responsible post he resigned the latter part of 1865, having proved a most efficient man for the place.

From 1857 Mr. Fridy engaged to some extent in the auction business, and in 1865 commenced devoting his time almost entirely to that pursuit. Two years later he went to Harrisburg, where he was employed in the State Department during the



administration of John Geary, John Hartnead and Col. H. M. Hoyt. During the fifteen years that he continuously occupied the position he made his home in that city and discharged the responsible affairs of the office in a creditable manner.

In the fall of 1881 Mr. Fridy was nominated on the Republican ticket Prothonotary, was elected and in January, 1882, took charge of the office, which he occupied for three years, and on the expiration of his term in 1885 he was elected Justice of the Peace of West Hempfield Township and as such acted until appointed to his late position as Collector of Revenues. He entered upon the duties of this office November 1, 1889. The Fifteenth District comprises fifteen counties, namely: Lancaster, York, Adams, Cumberland, Fulton, Bedford, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata, Snyder, Perry, Dauphin, Lebanon and Franklin. While Justice of the Peace he was assistant in the Prothonotary's office during the administrations of John Skiles and John W. Mentzer. In the Ninth District over \$9,000,000 of stamps for cigars were sold during his administration, this being the second largest cigar district in the United States, as there are about twenty-four hundred factories within its limits, and the collection of revenues from this one industry ranks next to that of the New York District, which is the first. The revenues from beer and spirit stamp taxes are also very great and the total collections during the term of office of Mr. Fridy amounted the immense sum of \$9,120,199. The office employs fifteen deputies outside the main headquarters and two stamp deputies. The whole of the post office building on the second floor is occupied by the Internal Revenue office, which fact shows to some extent the large amount of business transacted and its local importance.

In Mountville in 1857 Mr. Fridy married Miss Harriet Develin, a native of that locality and daughter of John Develin, who was born in New Holland, Lancaster County, and engaged in business as a merchant in Mountville until his death in 1868. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Fridy: LaFayette, who is a passenger locomotive engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad, with headquarters at Philadelphia; Annie E. and Mercy. It is said that the surname of our

subject was formerly spelled Frietag, and was changed for convenience.

Since resigning his position as Internal Revenue Collector Mr. Fridy has returned to his former work as an auctioneer, being considered one of the best in that line of business in the country. His services are requested at auctions in this and a number of neighboring counties and he has frequently conducted sales in York, Dauphin, Berks, Lebanon and Chester Counties. As a penman he excels, his writing being extremely legible, which makes it a pleasure to anyone looking over his voluminous accounts. Fraternally he belongs to Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., Columbia Chapter No. 224, R. A. M., and to Cyrene Commandery No. 34 of Columbia. He is a member also of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is Past Chancellor of Zagord Lodge No. 150, K. of P., and Past Sachem of Susquehanna Lodge No. 12, Order of Red Men.



**J**OSEPH L. BRANDT has been for the past fifteen years Cashier of the Exchange Bank of Marietta, and owing to his judicious management, close attention to business and uniform courtesy to all, has been a prominent factor in the upbuilding of this, one of the most substantial institutions of its kind in Lancaster County. When he assumed his position the stock of the bank barely sold at par (\$100) and although it passed through one of the greatest panics this country has ever experienced, its annual dividends were paid regularly, and sufficient surplus was added to the capital stock to make it now worth \$215 per share. Mr. Brandt is also Treasurer of the Marietta Castings Company, having held that

office since the incorporation of the plant in 1889, with a capital stock of \$50,000. In addition to the enterprises mentioned, our subject is also interested in other local concerns, and has the agency for a number of leading fire insurance companies.

In tracing the ancestral history of Joseph L. Brandt, we find that his great-great-grandfather, Samuel, was a native of the Palatinate, Germany, and in 1732 left Rotterdam, going to London, where he took passage on the ship "Samuel," Hugh Pierce, Master. He settled in Rapho Township, this county, and his name appears among those assessed by the officials of that township in their report of 1756, the earliest on record. Besides the landed estate he there owned he possessed several large farms in Dauphin County (then Londonderry Township, in Lancaster County), which were occupied by his sons, Michael and John. He engaged in farming in Rapho Township up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1784. His children were named as follows: Michael, Christian, John, Yost, Anna Maria, Elizabeth, Esther and Jacob. John Brandt, one of his sons, and the great-grandfather of our subject, occupied a farm after his marriage which lies on the right bank of the Conewago Creek, in the township of the same name, Dauphin County, within a mile of the junction of the three counties, Dauphin, Lancaster and Lebanon. This place is now owned by Levi Meekley. The widow of John Brandt, Maria, afterward married a Mr. Dempsey, and lived in Elizabethtown. The children of John Brandt were Christian, born November 23, 1765; John, February 24, 1767; Barbara, February 11, 1769 (wife of Jacob Longenecker); Samuel, October 9, 1771, and Michael, April 24, 1774. The father died in 1774, while his children were all quite young.

John Brandt, our subject's grandfather, was indentured to George Rutt for three years and eight months, from 1784, to learn the trade of joiner and spinning wheel maker. After he had grown to man's estate, he, with his employer and fellow-carpenters, built a number of Swisser barns in the vicinity of Maytown. Among these buildings was one erected for Christian Bucher, one of the wealthiest citizens of Donegal Township, who was born March 27, 1742, and died December 27, 1825.

The young carpenter, John Brandt, at this time fell in love with Mr. Bucher's third daughter, Frances, born January 18, 1769, and they were married April 26, 1791. Her eldest sister, Anna, married John Taylor, and among her grandchildren was Bayard Taylor, of Chester County, the noted traveler, author and poet. After his marriage, Mr. Brandt occupied a farm of one hundred and thirty acres belonging to his wife's father and adjoining his homestead, this place being situated about a mile and a-half northwest of Maytown. He bought the property in 1804 and there resided until his death, which occurred December 14, 1842. His widow survived him until December 10, 1857. They were the parents of the following children: Frances, born January 28, 1792, married James Maginnis, after his death became the wife of Samuel Bossler and died May 8, 1874; Anna, born September 15, 1793, married Joseph Clepper, and after his death Jacob S. Holdeman, and died in Bement, Ill., January 20, 1880; Christian, born September 12, 1795, died January 7, 1870; John, who was born October 7, 1797, married Catherine Hossler, and died December 24, 1854; Joseph, born March 20, 1800, married Nancy Nissley, a widow, and died February 12, 1845; Elizabeth, born December 21, 1803, married John Hollinger, and died October 5, 1829.

Christian Brandt, the father of our subject, was born on the old Brandt homestead, described above, and resided there during his lifetime. In 1827 he married Elizabeth Long, who was born in 1808, and died in 1889, and was a daughter of Abram Long, who lived near Donegal Spring. Mr. Brandt was a tenant farmer until his father's estate was settled, when in 1858 he became the owner of the old farm. He was a Democrat, but took very little interest in politics. Religiously he was a member of the Mennonite Church, an exemplary Christian, and like his ancestors, was specially noted for strict integrity, industry and sobriety. He died January 7, 1870, when in his seventy-fifth year. He had eight sons. Jacob, born October 11, 1829, died from the effects of accidental scalding at the age of three years; John, born January 1, 1831, married Mary Ann Hossler; Abraham, born August 19, 1833, married Anna Mary Creider, and died

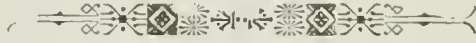
November 11, 1888; Christian, born April 19, 1836, married Susannah Rhoads, and died October 7, 1891; David, born April 6, 1840, married Maria Hless; Samuel, born October 16, 1841, married Maria E. Stauffer, and died October 10, 1890; Solomon was born February 8, 1845, and Joseph is our subject.

Joseph L. Brandt was born May 21, 1847, on the old Brandt homestead, a mile and a-half north-west of Maytown, where all his brothers as well as his father, aunts and uncles were born and reared. He worked on his father's farm and attended the public schools of the vicinity until eighteen years of age, when he began teaching, and continued in the profession until 1878. The last two years he taught in Maytown High School. In 1867 he attended a summer session of the Millersville State Normal School, and the following year was graduated from the Crittendon Commercial College at Philadelphia. He received a teacher's Permanent State Certificate in 1875, and was a successful educator.

December 26, 1876, Mr. Brandt of this sketch married Miss Agnes May, eldest daughter of Rev. Joseph Nissley, a Bishop of the "United Zion's Children," residing near Hummelstown, Dauphin County. The young couple went to housekeeping in Maytown, and of their union have been born six children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Edith A., October 2, 1878; Grace N., January 27, 1880; John Jay, January 15, 1882; Joseph Nissley, July 10, 1886; Herman Long, February 25, 1888, and Ruth, May 26, 1890.

From 1878 until January 20, 1880, Mr. Brandt served efficiently as Justice of the Peace for East Donegal Township, and in connection with the same engaged in surveying and conveyancing. In January, 1880, he was appointed to his present position as Cashier of the Exchange Bank, and that spring removed with his family into the bank building, where he yet resides. In politics he is strictly independent and non-partisan, but in 1876 was the chosen candidate by the Democratic party for the State Legislature, though he was defeated, for the county was overwhelmingly Republican. He belongs to no secret societies or social clubs, but is one of the original members of

the Pennsylvania German Society, organized April 10, 1891. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Marietta and holds the offices of Elder and Trustee of the same.



**H**ORACE L. HALDEMAN. The family of which this influential citizen of Chickies is a representative has been identified with the history of Pennsylvania from an early period of its settlement. Its members have been active in business affairs and have held prominent positions in the eastern part of the state, especially in the counties of Lancaster and Dauphin, one branch having resided at Harrisburg for many years. The lineage is traced to Jacob Haldeman, who was born in Neufchatel, Switzerland, in 1722, and died in 1793; during the War of the Revolution he was one of the Committee on Public Safety for Rapho Township, Lancaster County. He was a descendant in the seventh generation of Honeste Gaspard Haldimand (whose name in German was Casper Haldeman), a relative of the noted British General, Sir Frederick Haldimand, K. B., at one time Governor-General of Canada.

John, a son of Jacob above named, was united in marriage with Maria Breneman, who was born in 1760 and died in 1835, being a daughter of Melchior Breneman, second (1726-1809). Their family consisted of nine children, of whom Henry (1787-1849), the grandfather of our subject, was one. Henry married Frances Steman (1794-1826) and they became the parents of nine children, the eldest of whom was the distinguished scientist, the late Prof. Samuel Steman Haldeman. One of their younger sons was Cyrus S., our subject's father, who was born at Locust Grove, May 1, 1825, and died in Boston, Mass., June 16, 1892.

On his mother's side our subject is descended from Melchior Breneman (first), who was born in the Upper Palatinate, but owing to religious persecution, fled to America and with other Swiss families settled in Lancaster County about

1715. In 1717 he purchased three tracts of land near Lancaster, comprising about seven hundred and fifteen acres, and two years afterward bought two tracts, aggregating eleven hundred and fifteen acres, in that part of Lancaster County now known as Conoy Township. On these latter tracts in Conoy stands the homesteads, farms, distillery and mills known as the Breneman and Haldeman homesteads. From Melchior Breneman (second), grandson of Melchior (first), the lineage is traced through John and Michael to John S., our subject's maternal grandfather. Both on his father's and mother's side, therefore, our subject is related to the Brenemans, as by the marriage of John Haldeman and Maria Breneman, his father, Cyrus S. Haldeman, is a great-grandson of Melchior Breneman (second), and his mother is a great-great-granddaughter of the same Melchior Breneman. From the latter is also descended the late Bayard Taylor, one of America's most illustrious men.

Upon the death of Grandfather Henry Haldeman, our subject's father, Cyrus S., settled upon the homestead at Locust Grove, and there remained several years, until disposing of the place to his brother Horace, then an officer in the regular army and formerly a soldier in the Mexican War. Having sold the home farm he removed to Philadelphia, whence in 1856 he went to Columbia and read law with H. M. North. It was his intention to embark in the land business in the western territories, but the troubles in Kansas caused him to abandon the idea, instead of which he returned to Philadelphia, and during President Buchanan's administration entered the United States Custom House. While thus engaged he began the publication of a commercial paper, the *Philadelphia Daily Record*. The breaking out of the Civil War so demoralized the wholesale commercial trade that he suspended the publication of the paper, his printers enlisted, and he offered his services to Gen. Simon Cameron, then Secretary of War, by whom he was appointed Chief Clerk of the Volunteer Bureau in the Adjutant-General's office at Washington, under Capt. George D. Ruggles, now Adjutant-General of the army. He remained in that position until May, 1862, when he was appointed Assistant Adjutant-General and joined the Union army at

Yorktown. While there he was attacked with the Peninsular fever and was sent home to die. A vigorous constitution, however, brought him through and enabled him, after a tedious convalescence, to re-enter the service. Major-General Hancock appointed him Judge Advocate of General Courts Martial, which retained him in service until January 12, 1866.

Upon leaving the army Cyrus S. Haldeman engaged in the insurance business, especially that connected with the railway accident branch, which, with the assistance of our subject, he largely and successfully developed. Later he conducted a general railway ticket and baggage express business in New York City. While thus occupied, Col. Thomas A. Scott, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, an old friend, offered him the position of New England agent of that company. He accepted the place, which he held for twelve years, meantime residing in Boston. He became quite prominent in city affairs and served with marked efficiency as a member of the Board of Aldermen, also two terms as Registrar of Voters. Politically he was a Democrat, as were his father and great-grandfather. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Steman Breneman, were the parents of two children, Horace L. and Henry B. The mother is still living and makes her home with her son, Henry B., in Boston.

At the Haldeman homestead, in Locust Grove, Conoy Township, Lancaster County, the subject of this sketch was born September 16, 1847. He was but an infant when the family moved to Chickies, this county, where his father engaged in the blast furnace business with his brothers, the late Prof. S. S. and Dr. Edwin Haldeman. He was educated in the Philadelphia public schools, passing through the primary, secondary and grammar grades, after which he attended private academies, and also continued his studies under the direction of his father, a man of superior culture and broad information.

Though but a mere youth when the war broke out, our subject was eager to respond to the call for troops and joined his father at Yorktown. When his father was sick he was ordered to Philadelphia to straighten out bureau affairs connected

with the post, which was of considerable importance, owing to the large business necessitated by the United States Military Hospitals, containing from eighteen to twenty thousand patients. On his return to Philadelphia he resumed his studies under private instruction, but soon after the raid of General Lee into Pennsylvania, he again entered the service, becoming First Lieutenant of Company B, Twentieth Pennsylvania Cavalry, July 28, 1863, and remained in that regiment until mustered out at the close of the war. After almost two years of hard service he was honorably discharged, June 30, 1865, as Captain of Company I. During his period of service he held the positions of Assistant Commissary of Musters and Acting Assistant Adjutant-General on the staffs of Gens. George Cadwalader, D. N. Couch and O. S. Ferry.

At the close of the war our subject engaged with his father in the insurance business, and later in the general railway ticket business in New York. When his father became New England agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, he took charge of the financial part of the various agencies of the company in that district, numbering over one hundred. Meantime, owing to the ill health of Dr. Edwin Haldeman, senior member of the firm of E. Haldeman & Co., at Chickies, too much devolved upon Paris Haldeman, the then active member of the firm, and the latter therefore persuaded Horace to enter the iron business. In April, 1872, he became a member of the firm, with which he has since been connected, and at present is the only member of the family residing there or engaging in the business. Upon the formation of the Chickies Iron Company he became its Treasurer, and later also Superintendent. He is also a member of the firm of Haldeman, Grubb & Co., engaged in the blast furnace business at Chickies, having had the active management of the business at this place for a number of years. In 1881 he became interested in the Conewago Iron Company at Middletown, Dauphin County, of which company he was President and Treasurer.

Since 1880 Mr. Haldeman has been a Director of the First National Bank of Marietta. Socially he is one of the charter members of Lieut. William H. Child Post No. 226, G. A. R., at Marietta, in

which he has held the positions of Quartermaster and Commander. He has been a delegate to a number of department encampments of the Grand Army, as well as to the national encampment at Boston in 1890, and was an Aid-de-camp on the staff of Gen. Russell A. Alger when Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army. He is the youngest member, in his own right, of the Pennsylvania Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

Politically Mr. Haldeman is a Democrat, adhering to the faith of his forefathers. He has frequently represented his party as a delegate to county and state conventions, and in 1888 accepted the nomination for Congress, though with no expectation of election, as Lancaster County had always been largely Republican. In the electric railway development in his neighborhood he has taken great interest. He was one of the incorporators and is now a Director and Treasurer of the Columbia & Donegal Railway, running via Chickies Rock over the mountains between Columbia and Marietta.

In 1872 Mr. Haldeman was united in marriage with Miss Emma L. Jones, and they are the parents of one child, Maud. Mrs. Haldeman is a daughter of James R. Jones, a native of Wales, who at one time was largely engaged in the iron business, being the builder and owner of the Novelty Iron Works at Harrisburg, Pa.



**H** C. HOPKINS, a leading and active business man of Lancaster, is now giving his attention to the management and sale of real estate, having his office at No. 18-22 East Orange Street. During Grant's first term of office he was appointed Postoffice Inspector under his cousin, John A. J. Creswell, Postmaster-General, and served in this important position for twelve years. During this time he assisted in investigating the Star Route frauds, and was a member of the Postmas-

ter-General's staff. At Pittsburg he assisted in reorganizing that office under the system of competitive examinations. In New York City he had charge of the postage stamp agency as Superintendent; all the stamps were issued from that office. Subsequently he was transferred by Mr. James, Postmaster-General, to his old position, Inspector, with headquarters at Chicago.

The ancestors of Mr. Hopkins on the paternal side came from Scotland, and were early settlers in Salisbury Township, Lancaster County. His grandfather, James Hopkins, was a leading lawyer in the city of Lancaster. He married Anne, a daughter of Gen. George Ross, and granddaughter of George Ross, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Three sisters of her great-grandfather married respectively General Clymer, of Berks County; George Reed and Henry Wilson, who all signed the same illustrious document. James and Anne Hopkins had eleven children, the eldest of whom, James M., is the father of our subject, and his brother Washington was a finished lawyer and a distinguished member of the Lancaster Bar. James Hopkins, Sr., was a member of the St. James' Episcopal Church, in which he was a Vestryman. He was interested in furnaces at York and other places, and was quite a man of business. He built a canal around Conowago Falls. He was a large land owner, and at the close of the War of the Rebellion he disposed of the last of this property. As a lawyer he was considered one of the ablest men of the times in his profession; he practiced at Harrisburg, Carlisle and in York County, and probably enjoyed the largest clientage of any lawyer in the state. While pleading a case in the Lancaster Court House with his accustomed enthusiasm and earnestness he burst a blood vessel, which caused his death. James Buchanan, who had studied law with him, assisted in settling up his estate, and became a guardian of our subject's father. In the leading enterprises of the county he had always been foremost, being progressive and enterprising and having very advanced ideas.

James M. Hopkins, our subject's father, was born in Lancaster, in March, 1811, and was reared in his native place, receiving his preparatory educa-

tion in the public schools, and at the age of sixteen years, the youngest member in his class, graduated from Dickinson College. Entering his father's office he studied law for a year, when he was placed in charge of the latter's furnace at York. Afterwards, he had charge of the furnace at Conowingo, in Drumore Township, and in that place is still living. His life has been passed as an iron master, and at one time he owned fully two thousand acres of land and also a large flour mill. Politically he was an old line Whig, and was once a candidate for Congress on the Democratic ticket against Thaddeus Stevens; the latter's majority was reduced to the smallest he ever received. Mr. Hopkins was the first Assessor for the first tax that was levied at the beginning of the war, serving as a deputy under his son-in-law. He has been for years a member of the Episcopal Church, and has always borne a high place in the esteem of his neighbors.

H. C. Hopkins, of this sketch, is the fourth in a family of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, born to James M. and Harriet L. (Webb) Hopkins. The date of this event was April 4, 1842, and the place of his birth was at Conowingo Furnace, Drumore Township, this county. His elementary education was supplemented by a course of study in the academy at Chestnut Level, and the Pottstown Academy. When seventeen years of age he engaged in the lumber business at Port Deposit, Md., and continued there until he came to Lancaster. In 1861 he went back to his birthplace and became Superintendent of the furnace, serving as such until 1869. In 1881 he left the Government service, since which time he has been in business in New York, Philadelphia and western points, though his family remained in Lancaster. In 1892 he permanently settled here, and had an office at No. 108 East King Street as a dealer in stocks and bonds. In the spring of 1894 he became general manager of the real-estate exchange, it also being the office of the Lancaster Real Estate & Improvement Company. He is also identified with the Lancaster Street Railway.

In 1870 Mr. Hopkins married Anna E., daughter of Col. George Nauman, of the United States Army, by whom he has had five children: Harry,

a real-estate and insurance man of Lancaster; Elizabeth, who died at the age of four years; Anna, at home; Ralph, a student in Yeates Institute, and Isabella, a student at Linden Hall, at Lititz. Mrs. Hopkins died in 1890, at the age of forty-seven years.

A very active Republican, Mr. Hopkins has contributed to the success of his party in no small measure, and when serving in a public capacity proved himself an efficient officer. His business has carried him into every state in the Union east of the Rocky Mountains, with one exception, and his acquaintance among leading men and officials is very extensive.



**H**UGH KEOGH, of Lancaster, is a very prominent citizen of this place, and has built up a wide reputation for his extensive railroad contracts and street and pike construction. He has been very successful, and has been busily employed in many parts of this country on important contract work. He is a man of marked and inherited ability in a financial way, and uses good judgment and correct methods in his business dealings.

Michael Keogh, the father of our subject, was born in Ireland, and with his wife came to America in 1832. He settled at Lock No. 2 Port Perry, Alleghany County, on the Monongahela River, and continued there to reside for a number of years. He owned the Green Spring coal mines opposite Braddock, and did an extensive shipping business to New Orleans for a period of thirty years. Late in life he retired, purchasing a farm near St. Vincent's College of Latrobe, Westmoreland County, this state, a tract of one hundred and sixty-seven acres. He was a Democrat, and was always interested in the success of his party. He had the following children: John, who died in December, 1872; Michael, killed at Catfish Point on the Mississippi River; James, who was killed on a steam boat running on the Monongahela River in 1886; William; Hugh; Ella, whose death occurred at the

age of thirty-six years, in 1884; and Michael, the second of the name, a civil engineer in the employ of the city of New York, in the construction of the aqueduct. The children were reared in the faith of the Catholic Church, to which their parents adhered.

The birth of Hugh Keogh occurred in February, 1847, at Port Perry, Alleghany County, Pa. Until twelve years old he attended the public schools of that place, and then commenced going with his father on trips down the Mississippi River, and during the late Rebellion went back and forth between Pittsburg and Memphis. He followed the river until 1872, when, at Vicksburg, he turned his attention to railroad contracting, though he had had no previous experience in that direction. For a time he was with B. J. McGrann on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad, and afterward built the Maderia Railroad, and constructed two hundred miles of track in Brazil. On his return he constructed two streets in Lancaster, and afterward took a contract to build the Lititz & Lexington Turnpike. In Brandywine, Del., he was engaged in the construction of two miles of track on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and then entered the employ of the Southern Pennsylvania Railroad Company, making the road between Harrisburg and Pittsburg in Somerset County, which was abandoned before completion. On the Lehigh Valley Railroad he constructed a piece of track between Delano and Hazeltown, from there returning to Lancaster, where for a time he built sewers, and then was made manager of the construction department of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad. Two miles of the heavy work on the old "Tape-worm" Road between Gettysburg and Hagers-town was done by him; a portion of the railroad which was destroyed by the Johnstown flood, and on which he was engaged for a year, was his next contract. Following this, he built the fourth track for the Pennsylvania Railroad from Witmore to Portage, and a portion of track running through the Alleghany Mountains at Horseshoe Bend, and ten miles of the Norfolk & Western Railroad. Recently he constructed a track from Fernwood to Newtown Square.

Mr. Keogh is a Democrat politically, and adheres

to the faith of the Catholic Church. In December, 1873, he married Anna M., daughter of James Coyle, a shoe dealer of Lancaster. The loving mother and faithful wife was called from her family by death January 10, 1890, aged forty years. By her marriage she was the mother of three sons and two daughters, Paul J., Walter E., Mary A., Hugh, Jr., and Ella.



**A** M. BAKER, a retired business man of Ephrata, for the twelve years preceding 1891 was actively engaged in the hotel business. The hostelry known as the Eagle Hotel of Ephrata he still owns, in addition to other property in this place, and a farm of one hundred and eight acres, which is one of the best in the county, on account of its productiveness and improvements.

The birth of Mr. Baker took place January 3, 1841, in Warwick Township, Lancaster County, his parents being Joseph and Susannah (Minich) Baker. On the paternal side he is of German descent, and his grandfather was born in Chestnut Hill, in the neighborhood of which he operated a farm. He was a Whig, and in religion a Lutheran. By his marriage with Miss Roth, he had four sons and three daughters. Joseph, Henry, Jacob, David, Susannah, Elizabeth and Catherine.

Our subject's father was also born on Chestnut Hill, and learned the shoemaker's trade. For forty-eight years he was a resident of Warwick Township. He was politically a Whig and Republican, and was a School Director at one time. Like his father he was a Lutheran, and very regular in his attendance and contributions. He was twice married, by his first union having nine children: Abraham, Elizabeth, Joseph, Mary, Catherine; A. M., our subject; Jacob, Reuben and Trana, wife of Martin Keller, residing at Elizabethtown. The mother's death occurred in April, 1855, and later the father wedded Caroline Sturgis. To them

were born Susan, Samuel and Enos. The father departed this life when he was over four-score years of age.

In boyhood Mr. Baker was a student in the Warwick schools, and then entered Lititz Seminary, where he remained until in his eighteenth year. Leaving his studies, he served a regular apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, which he followed subsequently for five years. After his marriage he settled on a rented farm in Penn Township. Afterward he was a resident of Manheim Township, and in 1879 came to Ephrata, investing his money in the Eagle Hotel, which he successfully conducted for twelve years. In 1891 he leased the establishment, and of late has given his attention to the erection of his beautiful home on Main Street, constructed of green stone and built on modern plans. In addition to his hotel building, he owns a large store and two residences in the city. The twenty-eight acre tract which he bought with the hotel he divided into building lots, most of which have been since sold. In the Gallagher flourmill on Ephrata Creek he is one-fifth owner. This mill, which is now running night and day in order to meet the demand, employs seven men, and is a paying enterprise.

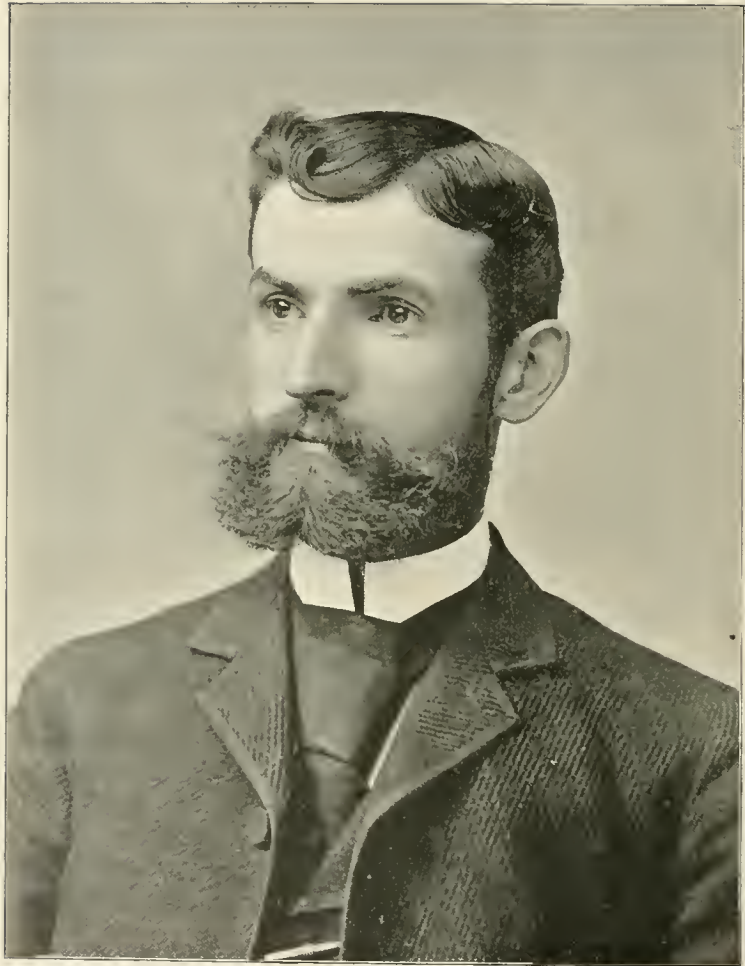
The farm owned by Mr. Baker, to which we have referred, is superintended by him and operated under his instructions. He owns one hundred shares in the Clay & Hinpalan Town Pike Company, ten shares in the Farmers' National Bank, in which he is a Director, and holds the position of Treasurer in the first-named organization. In former days he did some contracting, and when the hotel came into his possession he made valuable and expensive improvements, remodeling the entire building, putting in steam heat and gas, and adding two stories.

September 18, 1866, Mr. Baker married Mary M., daughter of Jacob L. Longenecker, a farmer of Ephrata Township. Four children have been the result of this union, as follows: Ida, wife of L. E. Rayer, now running the Eagle Hotel; Olivia Anna, Mrs. Jesse Seldomridge; Sallie, Mrs. Robert Parker, and Jacob.

Politically, Mr. Baker has been a life-long Republican, and is a staunch supporter of his party







KIRK JOHNSON.

platform. In 1894 he was elected as a Jury Commissioner of the county, having been induced to accept the office on account of the earnest solicitation of his friends. He is a leading member of the Lutheran Church, and endeavors to put in practice its worthy precepts in his daily life.



**K**IRK JOHNSON. Within the city of Lancaster there is probably no business man who has met with greater success than has rewarded the efforts of Mr. Johnson. His prosperity is not the result of accident or luck, but has come to him as the result of indomitable perseverance, wise sagacity and sound judgment, qualities which almost invariably bring their fortunate possessor financial success. The events of his life briefly sketched below will be of interest to his host of personal friends throughout the county.

Not only is Mr. Johnson proprietor of the largest music establishment in Lancaster, but he also has a branch store at Christiana, this county, and in connection with his brother owns branch stores in Atlantic City and Cape May, N. J. The demands of the business necessitating the use of from fifteen to eighteen horses, he opened a livery stable on West King Street, where he keeps his own teams and also boards others. In his establishment may be found every variety of small instruments and musical merchandise known to the trade. His judgment in the selection of instruments is unexcelled, and this fact being recognized by the people of the county, they repose the greatest confidence in his opinions and ability. It is due largely to his influence that this section of the state is becoming a musical community, where thousands of

homes rejoice in the possession of good instruments.

Mr. Johnson is a young man, his birth having occurred June 4, 1861. He is a native of Port Republic, N. J., where his father, John W., was also born. The grandfather, James, the son of an Englishman, was a farmer and clock dealer. John W. Johnson, also an agriculturist by occupation, owned farm property near Port Republic, and raised both cereals and stock. In religious belief he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Adams, was born in New Gretna, Burlington County, N. J. Their union resulted in the birth of eleven children, of whom all but one are living, our subject being the sixth in order of birth. His brother William N., who is a partner in the business at Atlantic City and Cape May, is also Superintendent of the Knickerbocker Coal & Ice Company, of the former city. Morris L. is manager of the business at Atlantic City; Elwood is solicitor and collector for the Knickerbocker Coal & Ice Company; and J. Newton is an attorney.

Until about twenty years of age, Mr. Johnson was reared upon a farm. In the fall of 1880 he went to Paterson, N. J., with F. A. North & Co., of Philadelphia. After two years he bought the business, which he conducted upon an enlarged scale. In 1888 he started a branch store in Atlantic City, and this enterprise he soon placed upon a solid financial basis. In 1892 he inaugurated a similar undertaking in Cape May, N. J. Three years ago he opened a store in Christiana, Pa. His store in Lancaster is located at No. 24 West King Street, and is a large building, the front being utilized for the retail trade, while the remainder of the building is devoted to repair and rebuilding purposes. Employment is given to twenty-two men, and the finest grades of instruments are kept on sale, including the Knabe, Conover and Lester pianos, and the Wilcox & White and Mason & Hamlin organs.

At Atlantic City, N. J., in 1883, Mr. Johnson married Miss Alice Tomkins, a native of that place, and they have four children, Orville, Nelson, George and Ruth. Mr. Johnson has built three residences, two of which he has sold, and he also

owns property in Atlantic City. He is a member of the Duke Street Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is serving as Steward. Politically he is a Republican. His social connections are with the Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Order of United Friends.



**P**ROF. RICHARD C. SCHIEDT, A. M., PH. D., is a member of the faculty of the Franklin and Marshall College, in which he holds the chairs of modern languages and natural sciences. He was appointed by the Pennsylvania State Board of Agriculture to the position of State Entomologist, and is also a member of the United States Fish Commission, the Government laboratory being situated in Massachusetts, where the Professor spends his summer vacations engaged in scientific investigations. It is universally conceded that Professor Schiedt is one of the most advanced scholars and scientists in the state. In 1879 he went with a party of fifteen scientists on an expedition to the northern coast of Africa, starting from Germany, and pursued his studies, particularly in entomology, during the three months' travel from the eastern coast to the desert of Sahara.

The birth of our subject occurred September 21, 1859, in Weissenfels, Saxony, Prussia. His father, Frantz Schiedt, was also born in the same place, and was a large and successful iron manufacturer. He is still living, retired from business cares, and is now over seventy-two years of age. His wife, who before her marriage was Julia Jansen, was born in Saxony. Her father, a native of Holland, was a manufacturer of cotton and calico goods. He is a direct descendant of the Jansenites celebrated in history. The Professor's father is a member of the Evangelical Church, and his wife is also a Protestant. She is now about fifty-eight years of age, and is the mother of five children, all of whom are living. Two of her sons are in Amer-

ica, the other, Hugo, being engaged in business in Covington, Ky.

The education of our subject was obtained in the Royal Gymnasium at Zeitz. He was graduated in 1878 from the classical course, and next was for one semester in the University of Jena. Later he was enrolled as a student in the University of Erlang, where he pursued a course of instructions for three semesters. We next find him in the Naples University, and afterwards in the University of Berlin, where he took a special course in mathematics and natural sciences, completing the same in 1881.

Concluding to try his fortunes in America, Professor Schiedt left Hamburg in the fall of 1881, and proceeded to Cleveland, Ohio, by way of New York. Through the kindness of Charles Schurz he obtained a position as Professor of mathematics in Calvin College, where he remained for one year. He was then sent by the Reformed Church to the Pacific Coast to establish an international institution of that denomination at Portland, Oregon, and became Principal of the college. There he introduced the first night school on the western coast, being assisted by Professor Bolender, D. D., ex-State Superintendent of California. They made a success of the enterprise, which was later taken charge of by cities throughout the state. For three years the Professor continued as Principal of the Academy, and at the same time carried on theological studies, and was commissioned a missionary of the Reformed Church.

In 1885 our subject returned to the east, and for two years was a student in the Theological Seminary of Lancaster, from which he was graduated in 1887. It had been his intention to return to the west, but he was induced to remain here. He is a German and French scholar and linguist, and has been honored with the position of city chemist and analyst. In the college he has a number of classes and students in special lines of work in the following studies: histology, zoology, botany, chemistry, anatomy, biology and physiology.

In 1888 Professor Schiedt was married in Portland, Oregon, to Miss Sophia Gautenbein, who was born in Philadelphia, and received line education-

al advantages both in this country and in Germany. She is the daughter of Rev. John Gautenbein, D. D., a minister in the Reformed Church. To our subject and wife has been born a daughter, Madalene. The former owns his pleasant home at No. 526 West James Street, and he takes special pleasure in extending its hospitality to his many friends and acquaintances.



**S**AMUEL M. HESS is one of the very enterprising and prosperous business men in Millersville, and is now engaged in manufacturing cigars, in which he has a large trade. He is a son of Samuel and Catherine (Metzler) Hess, and was born February 15, 1856, at Rothsville, near Lititz. He received a good common-school education with which to embark in his after life.

About 1712 a Swiss colony came to this region, and among them was one Samuel Hess, with his two brothers. He settled at Pequea, being the first of the name to locate in America. He had a large family, and Jacob, one of his sons, in 1734 took up a tract of two hundred acres, one mile east of Lititz, now called Warwick Township. This farm is now occupied by James H. Hess, and the property has remained in the family ever since. A building site on which was erected the old Mennonite Church was donated by Henry Hess. Jacob Hess, of the second generation, resided with his father on the old homestead, died in 1778, and was interred in the family graveyard. He had eight daughters and two sons, the latter being Christian and John. From John, the subject of this narrative is descended, and one of his children, Rev. John, was born November 9, 1768, and in 1788 married Esther, daughter of Christian Hershey. They resided on the old Hess homestead and became the parents of four sons and six daughters.

One of these, John, was a minister in the Mennonite Church, and another son, Christian, grandfather of our subject, was born October 11, 1789. His wife, Barbara, daughter of Abram Huber, was born September 12, 1791, and was married in 1811. They resided near Rothsville, and there Christian Hess' death occurred August 3, 1855, in his sixty-sixth year, while his wife, who died April 5, 1848, was over fifty-six years of age, and they were both placed to rest in the old homestead burying ground. They had five sons and six daughters: Samuel, Abram, John, Annie, Catherine, Christian, Joseph, Fannie, Barbara, Martha and Elizabeth. The father of these children was one of the wealthiest men of the township, and gave to each of his sons a good farm, and an equivalent to each of his daughters. He was a man of great natural business ability, and one of the prominent citizens of Rothsville. In politics he was a strong Republican, and was a devoted member of the church which is still familiarly known as the Hess Meeting House.

Samuel Hess, the father of our subject and the first son of Christian, was born February 24, 1812, and his mother, Catherine, daughter of Jacob Metzger, was born August 24, 1826. They were married in 1841, and first resided in Warwick Township, adjoining the old farm. Afterward they removed to Stark County, Ohio, where they lived for thirteen years, and then returned to Warwick Township, where the father died February 23, 1871, aged nearly fifty-nine years. Their family comprised seven sons and four daughters: Barbara, Jacob, Christian, Samuel, Annie, John, Emanuel, Mary, Henry, Benjamin and Amanda.

For several years Samuel M. Hess of this sketch attended the schools of Stark County, Ohio, and afterward went to those of New Haven, in this county, finishing his education at Professor Beck's institution at Lititz. For some time after attaining his majority he remained with his father on a farm, and then went on the road, traveling for J. M. Hahn, of Manheim, Pa., selling cigars. At the end of seven years he became salesman for H. A. Wolfe & Son, a wholesale liquor house of Pittsburg, but resigned, and for a short time was with Goodneck & Mann, wholesale dealers in cigars, of Phila-

delphia. At the end of a year he launched into the manufacture of cigars for himself at Millersville, and thoroughly understanding every branch of the business, is making a success of the same, employing as many as fifteen men. He is a member of the Commercial Travelers' Protective Association of Pittsburg, and of the South Bend Commercial Travelers' Accident Association. He owns a residence at Neffsville, and in 1890 purchased the Landis property, the handsomest residence in Millersville, which is his home. In politics he has always been an enthusiastic Republican, being actively interested in his party's success.

Mr. Hess has been twice married, first to Mary, daughter of Jacob Brubaker, of Clay Township, their union being celebrated September 29, 1870. They had two sons and four daughters: Clara B., Samuel B., Ida B., Lillian B., Monroe B. and Emma B. The wife and mother died June 4, 1882, aged thirty-one years and two months. The present wife of our subject, formerly Jennette Stevens, was a native of Huntingdon County, and their marriage was celebrated April 29, 1824. They have four children: Maud Estalla, Mabel Lillian, Thaddeus S. and Robert S. The father of Mrs. Hess is Asa S. Stevens, of Three Springs, Huntingdon County. He was born December 3, 1823, in that county, and was reared in Germany Valley, being a tailor by trade. He engaged in mercantile business, and was at one time in the employ of the old Portage Railroad. In later life he worked at his trade, and in 1886 retired from business, and is at present living with his daughter, Mrs. Hess. He is a Republican, and served as Constable and Tax Collector at different times. Religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His first marriage was with Elizabeth Adam, by whom he had two children, one of whom, Hannah, died at the age of six years. By his second union, with Sarah Harthin, he had ten children: Amanda B.; J. Millard, who died in infancy; J. B.; Jeanette; J. Frank, who is a dentist in Lancaster; Annie, Mrs. Rothorn; Kate, Mrs. Shue; Mollie, Mrs. Leonard; Charles and McClellan, who died in childhood. The mother of these children is still living. A paternal uncle of Mrs. Hess, Rev. William, is an ex-Representative, and

one of his sons, Rev. Emory, has a pastorate in Harrisburg. Rev. Benedict Stevens, the grandfather of Mrs. Hess, was a prominent man in Huntingdon County and a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church. For many years he was Justice of the Peace, and was a staunch Republican.



**H**ENRY S. MELLINGER, M. D., a successful physician of Creswell, is a descendant of German ancestors, of whom Ludwig Mellinger was the first to locate in this county. Grandfather John Mellinger was born in Manor Township, received a common-school education, and devoted his attention to agriculture and the distillery business. In politics a Republican, he was chosen to serve in various positions, including that of School Director of Manor Township. His death occurred in Creswell.

Among his sons was David, who was born in Manor Township in 1795. Under the preceptorship of Dr. Musser, one of the pioneer physicians of Manor Township, he conducted the study of medicine and after graduating he opened an office at Creswell, where he engaged in general practice for sixty years. He owned a tract of one hundred acres, which he placed under excellent cultivation, and being a man of business ability, achieved more than ordinary success. His right of franchise was exercised in favor of Republican principles. In religious belief he was identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church and was one of its foremost members. After a long and useful career his eyes were closed upon the scenes of time, April 9, 1878.

Dr. David Mellinger was twice married and had by his first wife five sons, namely: John S., a farmer of Manor Township; David; Benjamin S., who died at the age of twelve years; Jacob, who was a business man of Columbia, this county, and Henry S. The last named was born in Manor Township November 23, 1821, and at the age of sixteen years began the study of medicine under Dr. Washing-

ton L. Atlee. Subsequently he attended the Pennsylvania Medical College one session, and later for two sessions was a student in the Jefferson Medical College, where he was graduated in 1845. He immediately opened an office at Creswell, where he succeeded his father in the management of a general practice. He still follows his profession, though perhaps less actively than in the days of his prime. He is prominently connected with the Lancaster City and County Medical Societies and for a long time has been recognized as one of the foremost practitioners of his locality.

Dr. Mellinger has never married. His brother, John, had two children, of whom the elder, Susan, married Harry Heise, of Columbia, but died some years ago. The only son, David II., received a good education in the common schools and Millersville State Normal, which he attended until 1884. Since that time he had devoted his attention to photography and mechanical work. As a photographer he has been quite successful, and in the interest of his business he traveled through Oregon and California, returning to Pennsylvania by the Northern Pacific Railroad. Politically he is a Republican. On the 25th of May, 1892, he was united in marriage with Agnes, daughter of Levi Mann, a farmer of Manor Township.



**I** SAAC R. BROWN. The thriving city of Ephrata numbers among its enterprising and representative business men the subject of this sketch, who has been a resident of this place since 1884. Soon after settling here he started a cigar box manufactory, and has since conducted a large and profitable business in that line, employing at times as many as eighteen hands in his factory. A man of great industry and sound judgment, he has attained success through his own unaided exertions, without the help of friends, the prestige of family or the aid of fortuitous circumstances.

Throughout his entire life, Mr. Brown has been

a resident of Lancaster County. He was born at Mill Creek, near Bird in Hand, November 9, 1836, being a son of Peter and Anna (Reemsnyder) Brown. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Brown, was for many years a resident of Brownstown, Lancaster County, but his later years were spent at Erie, Pa. His trade was that of a shoemaker, and although he never became wealthy, he was enabled to surround his family with the comforts of life. His political affiliations were with the Republican party. His family consisted of two sons and two daughters, Peter being the third in order of birth.

The last-named was born at Brownstown, Lancaster County, and spent the greater part of his life in the place of his birth, dying there in 1890, at the age of seventy-eight years. Though he did not have even common-school advantages, yet by self-culture and diligent application he succeeded in acquiring a large fund of information, and was one of the best informed men of West Earl Township. He was a thoughtful reader, and kept posted concerning current events. Especially was he talented in mathematics, and his reputation in that line was so well known that he was very frequently consulted by teachers who wished his assistance in solving puzzling problems. His political connections were with the Republican party. In religious belief he was a Mennonite.

Three times married, the first wife of Peter Brown was the mother of our subject. She died in 1869, at the age of fifty-six years. By that union were born ten children, of whom the two youngest died in infancy. They are named Samuel, Isaac R., Mrs. Elizabeth Sherly, Elias, Mrs. Harriet Mohler, Sarah, Mrs. Louise Wenger, Lemon, Reuben and Aaron. Our subject, who was the next to the eldest in the family circle, received a common school education in West Earl Township, and while his advantages were limited, he has by reading and observation made up for the lack of early opportunities. For some time he assisted his father in the mercantile business at Brownstown, where he continued to reside until 1884, the date of his advent into Ephrata.

The marriage of Mr. Brown in 1864 united him with Miss Anna, daughter of Jacob Chupp, of

Neffsville, Lancaster County. To them have been born eleven children, namely: Ellen, who is with her parents; Thomas, freight clerk at Lititz; Annis, wife of Frank Slick, a cigar manufacturer of Ephrata; Mrs. Ida Donnes; Lillie, wife of Peter Risser, who is foreman in our subject's factory; Bertha; Walter; Aaron, who is employed in his father's factory; Lizzie, who died at the age of eleven years; Rosa and Mollie, who died in infancy. In political belief Mr. Brown is a Republican, and takes an active interest in the welfare of the party.



**R**EV. GEORGE G. KUNKLE, engaged in preaching the Gospel in Mechanicsburg, is the son of John and Sarah (Kresge) Kunkle, and was born at Kresgeville, Monroe County, this state, September 7, 1847. He traces his ancestry back to Germany, whence the first representative emigrated to America prior to the Revolutionary War.

George Kunkle, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a resident of Kresgeville, Monroe County, and at the time of his death was very wealthy. He had three sons, of whom George was the grandfather of our subject. He was a farmer near the village of Kresgeville, and at the same time dealt extensively in lumbering. He was an active member of the Lutheran Church, to which faith the family subscribed as far back as is known.

George Kunkle married Catherine Dotterer, a native of Bucks County, this state, and reared the following named children: George, Abram, Peter, Joseph, Adam, John (father of our subject), Elizabeth, Barbara, Maria and Sally. All are deceased with the exception of John.

The father of George G. was born on the home farm on the 19th of February, 1815, and received three months' schooling in the German tongue in his district. When ready to start in life for himself he purchased one hundred and sixty-six acres of land, and in addition to its cultivation was a

lumber merchant and operated a sawmill. He was very successful in all these enterprises and was considered a shrewd and upright business man. He is an active member of the Lutheran Church, which he has supported liberally since a young man. In politics he is a strong member of the Democratic party, but in no sense of the term could he be called an office seeker. In 1874, having accumulated a sufficiency of this world's goods to enable him to live in the enjoyment of the comforts of life, he retired, and is now residing in Kresgeville.

The mother of our subject was the daughter of George Kresge, a farmer and lumberman of this county. To them was granted a family of five sons and five daughters, Catherine, William, James, Jacob, George G., David, Sarah, Mary, Ellen and Emeline.

The original of this sketch was given the advantages for obtaining a good education, and supplemented the knowledge gained in the common schools by a course at Carbon Academy, of Leighton, later in the Wyoming Seminary, the Millersville State Normal and the Keystone Normal, of Kutztown, where he was prepared for college, and in 1869 entered Muhlenburg College, in Allentown, from which he was graduated in 1873, with the third highest place in a class of nineteen.

Young Kunkle commenced teaching school at the age of sixteen years, following that vocation during the winters, until 1869, thus earning the money to pay his way through college. After completing his classical education, he accepted the position of Principal of the Mt. Joy Soldiers' Orphans' School, which he occupied for two years, and in September, 1875, entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, but was only permitted to remain one month on account of failing health. He returned home and taught a graded school in Seigfried, Northampton County, and in the spring of the following year organized a Normal class in Brodheads ville, Monroe County, which he taught summer and fall, and then going to Strasburg, opened a select school or collegiate institute, which he taught for two years.

In 1878 Mr. Kunkle was candidate for County Superintendent of Schools, but was defeated. He



then took charge of the old Bethlehem Academy, with which he remained for one year, when he was elected Principal of the Bethlehem High School, a position which he held for two years. In 1881 he founded the Fairview Academy at Brodheads-ville, which is now a flourishing school of sixty-eight students, and where have been educated a majority of the teachers in Monroe County.

Mr. Kunkle in 1885 resumed his theological studies under Rev. G. F. Spieker, D. D., of Allentown, and was ordained a minister of the Lutheran Church, January 18, 1888, at Zion's Church, in Philadelphia. His first charge was at Weatherly, this state, where he remained for three years, and was next placed over the congregation in Easton. In April, 1893, however, he was appointed Pastor of the Lutheran Church at this place, and since his advent here the church has greatly prospered, both as regards finances and numbers.

Rev. George G. Kunkle and Miss Margaret Ann, daughter of Felix Storm, were united in marriage April 18, 1874. Mr. Storm is a farmer and Justice of the Peace of Chestnut Hill Township, Monroe County, where he is recognized as one of its most enterprising and substantial citizens. To our subject and his wife there were born four sons and two daughters, of whom Ruth Eudora and Mary Blanche are deceased. The sons are named respectively, Martin Luther, Ambrose Adolphus, Enoch George and Norman John. Mrs. Kunkle is also deceased, passing away June 19, 1893, greatly mourned by her family and friends.



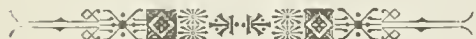
**P**ROF. JOHN WILLIAM LANSINGER, son of Jacob and Matilda (Arentz) Lansinger, was born January 5, 1858, in Littlestown, Adams County, Pa. His great-great-grandfather, of French lineage, came from Alsace, Lorraine, to America when quite young, and settled in Philadelphia, where he died. He had two sons, Nicholas and Jacob. The latter, a shoemaker by trade, mar-

ried a Miss Strunk, and lived most of his life in Philadelphia, but the year before he died he moved to Littlestown, where he died at the age of eighty-four. He was the father of five children, Jacob, John, William, Joseph and Elizabeth. Of these, John, a native of Philadelphia, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, lived many years in York County, Pa., but finally moved to Littlestown, where he died at the age of seventy-three. He was married twice. His first wife was Rebecca, daughter of Henry Neff. She died in childbirth, at the age of thirty-three, and is buried in York, Pa. She was the mother of three children who attained maturity, William H., Jacob and Barbara. Jacob, our subject's father, was born in York, Pa., but moved with his father to Littlestown, and engaged in the shoe business, being a member of the firm of W. H. Lansinger & Bro., with which he was connected until his death. This sad event resulted from injuries received by falling from a tree in 1862, when he was only thirty years of age. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and cast his vote with the Republican party. He was well liked in his community, and was a member of the Lutheran Church. By his marriage with Matilda Arentz, daughter of Samuel, of Two Taverns, Pa., were born two sons and two daughters: Florence, now Mrs. Ezra D Melhorn, of Hanover, Pa.; John W., our subject; Edith, now Mrs. George Wheeler, of Highspire, Pa., and Jacob H., of Littlestown, Pa. The good mother of this family departed this life in February, 1894, at the age of fifty-five.

The early education of our subject was obtained in the public schools of his native town and Hanover. After spending about six years in the Lutheran school at Loysville, Perry County, this state, he entered the First Pennsylvania State Normal School, Millersville, Pa., in the spring of 1875, and graduated from the institution in 1879 in the elementary course, and in 1886 in the scientific course. On completing the first course in the Normal, he immediately entered upon the scientific course, and at the same time became a member of the faculty, being a teacher of grammar, history, algebra, arithmetic and methods of teaching. Prior to graduation in 1875, he taught four terms

in the public schools of the state. He has been connected with the institution in the capacity of pupil and teacher for about twenty years. He has been bookkeeper, and has had charge of the department of bookkeeping during the last seven years. In 1889 he was elected to the responsible position of Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, which position he now holds.

August 1, 1882, Mr. Lansinger was married to Miss Elizabeth Evans, daughter of Benjamin Evans, of Lancaster. They have three children, Harold, Oram and John, and make their home in the buildings of the institution. In politics Mr. Lansinger is a Republican, as was his father before him. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being Senior Warden in Lodge No. 43, one of the oldest lodges in the state. He is a member of Royal Arch Chapter No. 43, Goodwin Council No. 19, and Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T. For the past five years he has been a prominent member of the Council of Bethany Lutheran Church, to which he belongs with his wife. The Professor possesses many very worthy traits of character, and has endeared himself to his students and friends by his genial and pleasant manners.



**M**ISS ANNA M. PENNOCK. This accomplished and talented lady, until recently a resident of Lancaster, was engaged in conducting a kindergarden and private school at No. 131 North Duke Street. In this profession she was trained under the personal supervision of Miss Burnett, who exhibited the model kindergarden at the Centennial. Possessing a good education, superior qualifications intellectually and a love for the work, she is admirably fitted for the successful discharge of all its duties. In 1894 she removed to Toledo, Ohio, and on account of ill health left the profession of teaching for a time.

Miss Pennock was born in Drumore Township, Lancaster County, and was the daughter of Hadley

and Lydia (Phillips) Pennock. The former was a well known miller, an excellent business man and highly respected citizen of Drumore, dying there in 1858. Her grandfather, Simeon Pennock, was also a native of the Keystone State and a member of the Society of Friends. Her mother and father are members of two of the leading families of Chester County, and the former, after the death of her husband, took the entire management of the estate and continued to make her home in Lancaster County. Now at the advanced age of eighty years (1894), she is in comparatively good health and makes her home with her daughter.

In childhood the subject of this biography attended the Mt. Holly public school, also a private school in Kennet Square, after which she went to the Maplewood Institute, pursuing the regular course of study there. Later she entered upon the profession of a school teacher. For the work of instructing the young she is adapted by natural gifts and training. Becoming interested in kindergarden work, she decided in 1882 to take it up, and accordingly entered Miss Burnett's training school, where she completed the course April 16, 1883. She then came to Lancaster and opened a kindergarden, which at first had but eight pupils, but on the expiration of her first term had increased to twenty scholars. Up to that time the work had been carried on in her home at No. 125 East James Street, but realizing the necessity of enlarged quarters and increased facilities for the profession, she taught in the Episcopal school building, which she occupied for two years. Success marked her efforts from the beginning and she finally gave employment to two assistants and had in her school from fifty to sixty-five pupils.

February 26, 1887, Miss Pennock was recommended as a kindergarden training teacher by Miss Elizabeth Peabody, of Boston. The course was made practical by observation and practice in kindergarden and special advantages of a large connecting class from the primary to the grammar grade where kindergarden principles are adapted to advanced grades. The books used in this course are: "The Education of Man," "The Child," "History of Education" and "Lectures on Gifts and Occupations." They also study natural history, physi-

ology and hygiene, botany, psychology and physical geography. Diplomas were granted to all who took a thorough course in theory and practice, and teachers are prepared to pass a public examination.

In religious connections Miss Pennock is a member of the Reformed Church and has been engaged in Sunday-school work in the past years. She is a member of the Philadelphia Froebel society. In her special department of labor she did a grand work and has greatly promoted interest in the kindergarten in this locality and was the first person to make a success of the Froebel system in the city of Lancaster. She numbers among the best people of Lancaster many admiring and warm friends, who wish for her in her new home a continuance of the success that rewarded her efforts here.



**P**ETER CLINGER HILLER has been very active in public service in Lancaster County, and for eleven years was Justice of the Peace of Conestoga Township, first by appointment under Governor Pattison for a year and since that time was thrice elected in succession. He has also held a number of local township offices, and among these that of School Director at the time he himself was teaching. His home is now in Conestoga Centre, and in connection with his father he owns a nursery and fruit farm comprising fifty-eight acres, fourteen of which are devoted to fruit growing. He is very prominent in this locality as a Republican of no uncertain stripe and as a patriotic citizen.

Mr. Hiller was born in this city October 13, 1847, his parents being Casper and Mary A. (Daily) Hiller. The progenitors of the family in America came with a colony locating in Lancaster County, and the paternal grandfather of our subject was born in the city of that name. He was a miller by trade and followed that calling during his active life, residing for the most part in this place. For some years he was a resident of

Millersville, where he lived in the first brick house erected in the place, and as this was before glass came into common use shutters were substituted at the windows. He was a Whig and later a Republican, and died in Conestoga Centre. He was twice married, his first wife being a daughter of Michael Benedict, a teacher by profession. By his marriage with Anna Hess he had the following children: Emma, Catherine, Barbara, Mary, Jacob, John and Casper.

Casper Hiller, the father of our subject, has been engaged in the nursery business for a number of years in this place, and prior to taking up this line of work he was for sixteen years one of the leading educators and teachers of the township. He has attended many conventions and for twenty-one years served as a School Director, being very much interested in everything that pertains to the cause of education. He is a very active partisan and is recognized as one of the local leaders of the Republicans in this locality, though he never has been prevailed upon to serve in an official capacity. During the late war he was a member of the militia, being Lieutenant of the company raised on the emergency call, but only proceeded as far as Hagerstown, Md. By his marriage Mr. Hiller had four children, Peter, John, Emma and Clara. Emma is the wife of A. W. Guiles, a wagon maker who follows his trade in Lancaster, and the younger daughter became the wife of I. M. Kauffman, a general store keeper. The mother of this family was called from this life in 1882, being in her sixty-fifth year.

Peter C. Hiller passed his boyhood under the parental roof and attended the schools of this place, subsequently pursuing his studies in the Millersville Normal. When seventeen years of age he obtained a certificate and began teaching, being in charge of schools for twenty-one terms, these being situated in the various townships of Conestoga, Martic, Pequea and Hempfield. In 1890 he left his educational work in order to become United States Revenue Collector under S. M. Fridy, remaining in that capacity for three and a-half years, or until April, 1894, when he accepted the position of clerk in the Registrar's office, with which he is yet identified. He is faithful and effi-

cient in the discharge of his duties and merits the commendation which is so freely accorded him. Since 1869 he has been interested with his father in running a nursery and has been quite successful in this enterprise.

In 1869 was celebrated the marriage of our subject and Martha, daughter of Jacob Hoak, of Conestoga Township, and five children have graced their union, namely: Emma, the wife of John Clark, a farmer of the same township; Mary, who is married to E. G. Gardner, who has a store in Colemansville, Lancaster County; Casper, Martha and Clara. Fraternaly Mr. Hiller belongs to Charles M. Howell Lodge No. 496, F. & A. M.; Chapter No. 43, R. A. M.; Goodman Council No. 19, and Lancaster Commandery, K. T., besides which he is associated with Kishacaquillas Tribe No. 65, Order of Red Men, and the Royal Arcanum. Religiously he holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church of this place, in company with his entire family.



**W**ILLIAM T. GARRISON, President of the Columbia Wagon Company, is carrying on an extensive business in Columbia, and also has a branch factory in New York City, occupying Nos. 422-426 West Fifteenth Street. He is a son of Daniel J. and Rebecca (Brinton) Garrison, and was born September 26, 1849, in Salem County, N. J. The family is of English origin, the first representative having come to America in the person of David Garrison, many generations removed from our subject. The paternal grandfather of William T., Daniel Garrison, was the only child of his parents and was born in Salem, N. J. He was a wealthy real estate dealer of that place, where he spent his entire life. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat, on which ticket he was elected to public offices of trust. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, in which he was Warden for many years. During

the War of 1812 he served as Captain of a militia, and although often in the thickest of the fight, was never wounded or taken prisoner. He married Miss Ann Curry, and became the father of three children, of whom the father of our subject was the second in order of birth. The grandfather lived to be sixty-five years of age.

Daniel J. Garrison was given a fine schooling, being educated for the ministry in the Episcopal Church at Cambria College, Ohio, and afterward attended the Theological Seminary in New York City. He filled the pulpit for a short time, when he retired and took up his abode on a farm in Salem County, N. J. By his union with Miss Brinton there were born five children, namely: Emily, Josephine; Daniel, a practicing physician of Penn's Grove, N. J.; William T., of this sketch, and Virginia C., the wife of William T. King, of Mt. Clair, the above state. The husband and father departed this life in April, 1892, aged eighty-one years. His good wife is still living.

The original of this sketch received instruction under a private tutor until ready to enter Andalusia College, from which institution he was graduated with the Class of '69. Upon leaving he was just twenty years of age, and was given the charge of his father's estate in Salem County, N. J., which comprises two hundred acres. His father being in ill health, young Garrison managed all his affairs and remained upon the farm for twelve years, after which he removed to Penn's Grove, that state, and at the end of three years we find him located in Columbia. Soon afterward, in company with a number of other gentlemen, he organized a wagon company, opening a factory at Penn's Grove. He was elected Treasurer of the company, and when resigning some time afterward, again located in this city and established the Columbia Wagon Company, of which he is President.

The Columbia Wagon Company occupies two buildings, 48x100 feet in dimensions, besides numerous smaller structures, and is operating with a capital stock of \$100,000. They are doing an extensive business and manufacture each week about seventy-two wagons. As before stated, they have a branch factory in New York City, and the entire business is under the management of William

H. Platt, the most successful wagon-builder in the United States. The company employs thirty men in their New York branch and fifty workmen in Columbia. They manufacture the "Eclipse" steel wagon, besides the "Columbia" and many styles of business wagons. The Board of Directors in the company is composed of many prominent business men, namely: Andrew Garber, John C. Forrey, Z. F. Yargey, J. H. Herr, Mart Strebis, H. H. Heise, Gottlieb Young, J. B. Hutchinson and W. T. Garrison.

Mr. Garrison is also Treasurer of the Columbia Flint Company, and is one of the most prominent citizens in the community. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and while living in New Jersey was the recipient of many minor offices of trust. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and in social affairs stands high in Masonic circles, belonging to Penn's Grove Lodge No. 162.

January 30, 1878, W. T. Garrison and Miss Jennie, daughter of James Runninton, were united in marriage. Mrs. Garrison's father is a retired lumber merchant residing in Philadelphia. Our subject and his wife are the parents of a son, Paul Runninton, who was born June 20, 1892.



**J**OHAN H. YOUNG, a native of the Keystone State, which has been his place of abode during his entire life, is engaged in the grocery business at the present time in Lancaster, having one of the largest trades in this line in the city. His store is located centrally at the corner of King and Water Streets, and the premises which he occupies are 20x50 feet in dimensions and two stories high. Mr. Young is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Deibler) Young, well respected citizens and industrious and honorable people of Dauphin County. John H. was born December 22, 1860, in Lykens Valley, Dauphin County, and was given good educational privileges in the public schools

near his home. Subsequently he attended the Lebanon Valley College, but left his studies at the age of eighteen years to engage in the mercantile business at Annville, Lebanon County. For eight years he carried on an extensive trade in hardware and on the expiration of that time he came to Lancaster.

In 1888 that John H. Young first cast in his lot with the inhabitants of that enterprising and industrious city. He entered the employ of J. F. Reist, giving to him his faithful services for the succeeding five years. Deciding then to embark in business on his own account, he purchased the stock of George Wyant and opened a well equipped grocery on King Street, which he has continued ever since. He receives a large trade and merits the same, for he keeps the best lines of staple and fancy groceries and his goods are thoroughly reliable, being the best obtainable.

May 7, 1886, Mr. Young was married in Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, to Miss Clara, daughter of Henry Breneman, a prominent citizen of that village, and to Mr. and Mrs. Young have been born a son and daughter, who are called respectively Edgar J. and Anna E. The young couple are well received in the best social circles of Lancaster, where they have made a host of friends. In his political relations Mr. Young is a Republican and is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, belonging to Camp No. 87 of Annville. He also belongs to Fulton Castle No. 410, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of this city.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was a miller by trade and followed that occupation during the greater part of his life in Cumberland County, but later became a resident of Dauphin County, where his death occurred when about sixty years of age. His son Joseph was born in Cumberland County and learned his father's trade, which he followed for a number of years. Subsequently he engaged in teaching school for a short period and then became a minister in the United Brethren Church, preaching for forty years. For a long time he was a resident of Annville, which is still his home. Politically, like his son, our subject, he casts his vote in favor of the Republican party and is a true patriot in every respect. His

wife, formerly Sarah Deibler, died July 10, 1893, at the age of sixty-four years. They were the parents of three daughters and one son: Mary, whose death occurred when she was thirty-five years of age; Sallie, who became the wife of Aaron Hoverter; Ella, wife of William Troxell, and John H.



**H**ENRY H. LANDIS. With such efficiency has this gentleman conducted agricultural operations that he is now enabled to live in retirement from active business cares, possessing an ample competence to provide the comforts of life for his declining years. His advanced and progressive ideas regarding farm work have placed him among the principal agriculturists of Manheim Township, and his estate is one of the best in this part of the county. He has spent his entire life in Manheim Township, and was born here September 4, 1838, being the son of Henry and Esther (Binkley) Landis, formerly prominent residents of this section.

The first representative of this family in America emigrated from Switzerland about two hundred years ago, and made settlement in Pennsylvania. Benjamin Landis, our subject's great-grandfather, was born in Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, and there his entire life was spent upon his valuable farm, which included more than twelve hundred acres. He married a Miss Snavely, and they became the parents of six children, their sons being Henry, Benjamin and John. One of these, Grandfather Henry Landis, was born in Manheim Township, and became one of its most extensive farmers. He conducted a distillery and kept a team on the road between Lancaster and Philadelphia, supplying the residents with the products of his distillery. Successful financially, he was very liberal with his children, giving to each of his sons a farm when they were ready to settled in life, and to his daughters \$6,000 in cash. He was a devoted member of the Mennonite Church,

and active in advancing the religious interests of the people. His death occurred in 1839, upon the old homestead. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Anna Long, were the parents of ten children, viz.: Benjamin, John, Henry, Isaac, Jacob, Nancy, Susan, Elizabeth, Barbara and Mary.

Our subject's father, Henry Landis, was born April 15, 1797, and, like his ancestors, followed the life of a farmer for a number of years. From 1830 to 1840 he was engaged in shipping cattle to Philadelphia, an enterprise that proved highly satisfactory from a financial point of view. He was a member of the Mennonite Church, and numbered as his friends the best residents of the community. His first wife was Miss Annie, daughter of John Stauffer, and their union resulted in the birth of three children: Emanuel; Fannie, deceased; and Anna, wife of Levi Reist. His second wife, our subject's mother, was a daughter of Christian Binkley, who built the first stone bridge ever constructed across the Conestoga, and the settlement near it is known as Binkley's Bridge. Near that place he erected a building formerly used as a flouring mill, and now a paper mill, operated by water power. Mr. Landis died April 15, 1876, and his good wife followed him to the better land five years later, passing away May 6, 1881. She was a devoted Christian woman, and an earnest member of the Mennonite Church.

Reared on the home farm in Rapho Township, our subject gained the rudiments of his education in the common schools and completed his studies in Freeburg Academy. Choosing the vocation of a farmer, he settled upon a good estate in this township, and continued to till the soil until 1893, when he retired from farm work. For a number of years he shipped cattle from Chicago to Philadelphia markets. His homestead is one of the best in the county, complete in all its appointments and supplied with substantial and well ordered buildings.

November 26, 1861, Mr. Landis married Miss Emma Caroline, the daughter of George Diller, a farmer and drover of East Earl Township, this county. A family of four children is the result of their union, viz.: Anna Margaret, deceased; Henry K., Professor of Mining and Metallurgy in

the University of Missouri, at Rolla, Mo.; George D., a civil engineer; and Nettie May, who is a student in Millersville Normal School. In politics Mr. Landis is a Republican, on which ticket he has been elected to the School Board and various public positions of trust. He stands high in Masonic circles, and is a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.



from active business cares in 1892. In politics he is a Republican. He has held the office of School Director, and is a man who stands well in the community, being esteemed for his ability and integrity. His wife, Mary, was a daughter of Samuel Frantz, a farmer of Rohrerstown. Of their three children, one died when young; Abraham F. is a lawyer of Lancaster; and Henry F. is the subject of this sketch.

The last-named was reared on the home farm, receiving the advantages of a common-school education and a course at the Millersville State Normal. Afterward he taught school for a time, and since then has engaged in agricultural pursuits on the old Hostetter farm. He is the owner of more than one hundred and sixty acres of well improved land, from the cultivation of which he receives a good income. In political belief he is a Republican, staunch in his adherence to party principles. He is interested in educational matters, and has served as School Director.

October 4, 1881, Mr. Hostetter married Miss Clara L., daughter of Levi S. Reist, deceased, formerly a prominent farmer and Justice of the Peace, and one of the originators of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society. Two children were born of this union, one of whom died in infancy, and the other is named Anna Mary. Socially the family occupies a high place, and is one of the best known and most highly esteemed in the county.



**C**OL. DAVID BRAINERD CASE is one of the most prominent and worthy citizens of Marietta, and a distinguished member of the Lancaster County Bar. In both legal and military circles he has made an enviable record, and at all times acquitted himself with great credit. He comes of a long line of military ancestry. On the maternal side, one of his forefathers, Robert Scott, fought for the "Covenant and Crown" at Bothwell Brig, and was a member of the Lower House of the Scottish Parliament before it was merged in-

**H**ENRY F. HOSTETTER, a farmer of Manheim Township residing in Oregon, was born on the old family homestead in this township, October 3, 1847, being a son of Simon and Mary (Frantz) Hostetter. The founder of the family in America was Jacob Hostetter, a native of Germany, who emigrated to this country prior to the Revolutionary War. He was a farmer by occupation, and in religion a member of the Mennonite Church. His son Abraham, the great-grandfather of our subject, cultivated the farm in Manheim Township that is still in possession of the family. The next in line of descent was Charles, who settled in Warwick Township, this county. He and his wife reared seven sons: John, Jacob, Daniel, Henry, Chusa, Israel, and one whose name is not known.

Jacob, grandfather of our subject, cultivated the farm now owned by our subject, and was successful financially, accumulating considerable property. In religious faith he was identified with the River Brethren Church, and often filled the pulpit, being a well informed man and a fluent speaker. He and his wife, Barbara, were the parents of four children that attained years of maturity. He died about fifty years ago, at the age of sixty-nine.

The father of our subject, Simon, was born on the Hostetter farm in January, 1821, and has spent his entire life in this locality. For twenty years he followed the occupation of a miller, and owned the Hostetter mill at Oregon, but retired

to the British Parliament in 1714. His great-grandfather, Robert Scott, was First Sergeant in Capt. John Arndt's Company, Colonel Baxter's Flying Battalion, and fought at the battles of Long Island and Ft. Washington. His great-great-grandfather, John Ralston, was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1776, and a Major in the Continental Army. His grandfather, Major W. G. Scott, was commissioned Ensign in the Fifteenth United States Infantry, under command of Col. Z. M. Pike, at the outbreak of the War of 1812, and rose to the rank of Assistant Adjutant-General.

Colonel Case was born in Northumberland County, Pa., May 15, 1853, his parents being William G. and Sarah Ralston (Scott) Case. The former was also a native of Northumberland County, and was a railroad builder and iron manufacturer. At one time he was President of the Reading & Columbia Railroad, and was one of the original constructors of the road. In partnership with General Dodge, of Ohio, he built the Columbus & Hocking Valley Railroad. He also assisted in the construction of the European & North American Railway from Bangor, Me., to St. John's, New Brunswick. He was the founder of the towns of Hailey and Caldwell, Idaho, and others in central Idaho, on land taken up by the Oregon and Idaho Improvement Company. A man of splendid executive ability, he possessed great business enterprise and met with success. Politically he was a Republican and actively concerned in the affairs of his party. The latter part of his life was passed at Santa Monica, where he became Elder in the Presbyterian Church. While on his way to attend the general assembly of his denomination at Saratoga, he was summoned by the death angel. During the Civil War he was in command of Company I, Second Regiment, which enlisted on the emergency call, and was mainly composed of employes from the furnaces of his rolling mill at Columbia. To himself and wife were born five children, only two of whom are living, two having died in infancy, and a son, Howard, when in his twenty-ninth year. Col. Alliene Case, our subject's only surviving brother, is the present Adjutant-General of Idaho.

Col. David Case was reared in Wilkes Barre and

Columbia, and was given the advantages of a superior education. His first military instruction was obtained at Myer's Military Academy, at West Chester, Pa., and later he attended Alexander's Military Academy at Columbia. His later education was gained at Harvard University and at Heidelberg, Germany. He was in Germany and France during the Franco-Prussian War, and though quite young, made a considerable study of the military systems of the two countries. During the years 1869-70, he pursued legal studies in the Harvard Law School, and after returning from Europe, in 1871, entered the office of Hon. S. P. Wolverton, of Sunbury, Member of Congress from that district, and in 1873 was admitted to the Northumberland County Bar. For about two years afterwards he was interested with his father in the iron business, but since 1876, when he commenced the practice of law in Columbia, his main attention has been directed in the line of his profession. In 1881 he left Columbia and came to Marietta, and here, as well as in his former field, has built up a good reputation as a general practitioner. His field of work comprises not only this, but neighboring counties, and he has been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court, and the United States District and Circuit Courts. At this writing he is Vice-President of the Central National Bank of Columbia, and is Attorney for many of the leading concerns of Marietta and vicinity. Among others he is solicitor for the Marietta Home Building and Loan Association, and the water company, of which he was one of the projectors.

Colonel Case entered the service of Pennsylvania April 24, 1877, as Captain of Company H, Eleventh Regiment of the National Guards, under Col. Alfred Rupert. During the great railroad riots of July, 1877, his company, although unarmed, was ordered to join the regiment at Malvern Station. Proceeding to Harrisburg, they were there armed with rifles, thence went to Pittsburg, and served with their regiment during the entire term of duty of the National Guards. Upon the reorganization of the same, and the disbanding of the Eleventh Regiment, Company H was assigned to the Fourth Regiment, then commanded by Colonel Good. December 11, 1885, he was



elected Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fourth Regiment, and was promoted to be Colonel November 7, 1890. While he is a strict disciplinarian, he is thoughtful of his men and careful of their welfare. The Colonel is a close student of the art of war, and devotes much time to the perusal of his well selected military library. Of commanding presence, some six feet in height, and well proportioned, he seems eminently fitted as a leader and official. Socially he is a member of the Sons of the Revolution and the Society of the War of 1812. During the Homestead strike the members of Colonel Case's regiment all reported for duty upon six hours' notice, with the exception of nine soldiers, who were not within the state, and therefore were not reached in time.

On the 26th of June, 1872, Colonel Case married Miss Sarah Strickler McCorkle, daughter of Dr. William S. McCorkle, of Columbia. One daughter, Elizabeth McCorkle by name, has been born of this union.



**W**ILLIAM C. EICHLER, of Lancaster, has during his active business life followed his trade as a baker, first with his father and later as his successor. His years of industrious and honest toil have brought him a good income and the respect of those who have had business or other dealings with him from time to time. He is a native of Lancaster County, having been born June 21, 1850, at Lititz, in the vicinity of which place several generations of his family have been residents.

Gottlieb Eichler, the great-grandfather of our subject, emigrated to the United States from Germany, prior to the War of the Revolution and was one of the early settlers of this county. His son, Abram, the next in descent, lived near Lititz, at what is now Whitehall, where he owned a distillery, a grist and flour mill, and one of the best hotels to be found in the county at that day. He

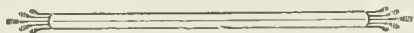
was a wealthy man for the times and owned seven stores in different parts of the county. A man of public spirit, he was charitable and generous, and was an officer in the Moravian Church. As a member of the militia he took part in drills and was on guard duty at times. He was twice married and had three children by his first union, with a Miss Becker, namely: Maria, Caroline E. and George S. His death occurred when he was in his fifty-third year.

His son, George L., our subject's father, was born near Lititz and received his education in Beck's Academy. He was for five years a resident on the old homestead, but later removed to Lititz and finally to Lancaster. He was the originator of the Lititz or kiln dried pretzel, and had a very large demand for the article. He was politically a Democrat, and was a leader in the ranks of his party. At various times he held the offices of Sheriff, Prothonotary, etc., and made an efficient and trusty public man. In the Masonic fraternity he held membership and passed through all the chairs of the lodge with which he was identified. Religiously he was a member of the Moravian Church and held the position of Trustee for many years. His death occurred in 1880, when he was in his fifty-fifth year. He married Miss Mary Ann, daughter of Jacob Peterson, of Dutch descent. He too was a Moravian and possessed considerable means and real-estate interests. George and Mary Eichler became the parents of seven children, namely; Mary M., Mrs. Henry Martin, of Boston, Mass.; Henry; Abraham, deceased; William C., John, James and Robert P.

William C. Eichler, the subject of this biography, received a good education in Beck's Academy, where he pursued the regular course of study. At the age of fourteen years he commenced learning the baker's trade with his father, in whose employ he continued for several years. After his father retired from the business our subject became proprietor of the plant, and since that time has conducted the business alone. He is master of his trade, understanding every department of work, and has a large number of patrons. His income from his business has been assured for years and he is rapidly acquiring a competency. In politics

he is a strong Republican and fraternally belongs to Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., of Lancaster, to Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., and is associated with the Royal Arcanum.

March 3, 1880, Mr. Eichler was united in marriage with Susan Rhiensold, and two children have graced their union: Edwin, now deceased, and John. The parents are members of the Moravian Church, in which our subject is a Trustee and has served in other official positions.



**H** H. HEISE was one of the prime movers in getting the Columbia Wagon Company started, and is now a Director in that organization. He solicited the citizens to subscribe the stock, and in every way used his influence and means to place the company in a flourishing position. It is now incorporated with a stock of \$50,000, and will soon be numbered among the leading industries of Columbia.

Solomon Heise, a native of Switzerland, and one of the ancestors of our subject, located in Columbia in the early part of the eighteenth century, became a clerk in a store, and after his marriage engaged in farming in Union County, Pa. Later he returned to this place, and passed his remaining years on the "Patience Heise Farm." He was a Whig, and, like his wife, was a Presbyterian. Among his two sons and four daughters was Harry, the father of our subject. He was born in Union County, Pa., in 1804, and became a farmer near this village, where he owned a place of two hundred and fifty acres. He was an old-line Whig, and socially was a member of the Odd Fellows' Society. For his first wife he married Fannie Furrey, whose mother lived to the age of one hundred and four years, and by this marriage were born three children. After her demise the father married Haunah Heidler, and to them were born six children, of whom our subject is the eldest, and the others are Mrs. Jonas H. Nalt; B. F.; Mrs. J. H.

Wilmot, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. J. P. Agney, and Anna Mary, who died when about eighteen years of age. The father of these children departed this life at the age of sixty years, February 3, 1863, and his wife also died when about sixty years of age.

H. H. Heise, of this sketch, was born January 30, 1840, in this city, where he received his elementary education, and later was a student in the People's Business College at Reading, Pa. In the spring of 1867 he started for Europe, and passed six months in travel, visiting all the most interesting places from London to the Adriatic. He crossed the Alps on foot, and was in Paris at the time of the Exposition of that year. He then went to Germany, Bavaria, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, across the Adriatic Sea to Turkey, passing through Venice, Rome, Naples, Hungary, and returning by way of Frankfort and Heidelberg, to Scotland, England and Ireland. After a journey of sight seeing, such as few travelers are now ambitious enough to undertake, he started home by an Atlantic steamer on the New York and Bremen Line, and on his way visited Saratoga and Niagara Falls before coming to Columbia.

In 1870 Mr. Heise embarked in the hardware business, in partnership with J. A. Kauffman, which connection existed until 1883, when our subject bought out his partner's interest and continued alone until 1890, then selling out his interest. Since that time he has been engaged in the agricultural and farm implement trade, being the owner of his business headquarters at No. 230 Locust Street. In company with Dr. Mellinger he also owns No. 236, 238 and 240 Locust Street. Mr. Heise is one of the promoters of the new Savings and Loan Association, being Secretary of the same. The wagon company, which we have previously referred to, will be capable of putting out as many as one hundred and fifty wagons per month when in running order.

Politically Mr. Heise is a Republican, and in 1893 was elected Chief Burgess of Columbia, to serve for three years, this being his second term. He has made a very popular official, and is always to be found on the side of the people. During the late war he served at Georgetown for three months,

in the Horse Stock Department, selecting horses for the army service.

In April, 1874, Mr. Heise married Miss Susie, daughter of John S. Mellinger, and had two children, who have both passed away. By his present wife, Eva, daughter of Joseph Detwiler, he has had one child, who is also deceased. Mrs. Heise's father is a well-to-do farmer of Mt. Joy, being the possessor of three well cultivated farms in that locality. Mr. Heise is a member of the Presbyterian Church of this city, to which his wife also belongs.



**W**ILLIAM MATTERN, holding a good position in the Columbia Iron Company, is the son of Charles H. and Elizabeth Mattern, and was born September 16, 1845, at Pine Grove, Schuylkill County, this state. The grandfather of our subject, Charles Mattern, was born in Berks County, Pa., where he afterward became an extensive dealer in real estate. He was a man of limited education but remarkable business ability, who knew how to turn every dollar to good account. He is now deceased, that event taking place in Kutztown. In politics he was an old line Whig and in religion a member of the Lutheran Church.

The father of our subject was born in Berks County, January 27, 1801. He acquired a fair knowledge in the schools near his home, and when quite young began teaming, owning his own outfit. Later in life he engaged in the lumber business near Pottsville, Schuylkill County, in which enterprise he was remarkably successful, and for many years prior to his decease lived retired in that county. In politics he was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, after which he joined its ranks. He was very popular in his community and held many offices within the gift of his fellow-townsmen to bestow.

The parental family included the following children: Mary E., Ephraim, Emma E., William, Jeremiah, John, Martha, Charles and Hiram. The husband and father died August 3, 1863, when in

the sixty-second year of his age. He was a member in good standing of the Reformed Church and was active in all societies of that denomination. His wife is still living.

The original of this sketch attended school in Pottsville until reaching his fourteenth year, when he was obliged to begin work for himself. He first entered the employ of the Haywood Rolling Mills in the above place, where he remained for ten years. After this he traveled about, being variously employed until 1885, when he located in this city and was given a position with Denney & Co. as Assistant Superintendent of their plant. He remained with that company for the following two years, after which we find him working for the Columbia Iron Company.

In his political relations our subject follows in the footsteps of his honored father and votes for Republican candidates. He is at present serving as a member of the Council in the city, which office he has held since 1892. Religiously he worships with the Methodist Episcopal denomination, of which he is an active member. He was married in October, 1868, to Miss Sarah J., daughter of Michael Freehafer, and to them have been born four children, Harry F., bookkeeper in the Reading Roller Mills; Willie and Florentine, deceased, and Frederick Leroy. Socially Mr. Mattern is a prominent Mason, meeting with Chandler Lodge No. 227.



**C**HARLES E. NETSCHER, M. D., of Lancaster, was born in Adams County, Pa., near the historic city of Gettysburg, September 29, 1857. He is the son of Rev. Francis Netscher, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, who learned the trade of a cooper in youth and at the age of eighteen years came to America. Through the influence of a German gentleman, a member of the Reformed Church, he became a student in Marshall College, and was graduated from that institution, also from the theological seminary at Mercersburg. Ordained to the ministry of the Reformed Church, he served acceptably in that ca-

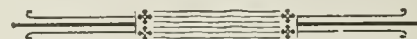
capacity in Adams and Clarion Counties. His career was one of usefulness and honor to the ministerial profession, but was cut short by his untimely death in 1859.

December 18, 1856, Rev. Francis Netscher married Catherine E. McCune, a native of Mercersburg, and daughter of Jacob McCune, who emigrated from Ireland to America and settled in Mercersburg. This union resulted in the birth of two children, of whom only one is now living. The mother, after the death of her husband, returned to Mercersburg, and later married N. Z. Snyder, of South Bethlehem, where she now resides. Our subject accompanied his mother to Mercersburg and afterward to South Bethlehem. His studies were conducted in Lehigh University for a time, after which he taught school in Altoona, Northampton County. In 1876 he entered the freshman class of Franklin and Marshall College, from which he was graduated in 1880, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After a short time devoted to teaching and to the study of medicine by himself, he entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia in the fall of 1881, and remained in that institution until his graduation in April, 1883, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. While pursuing his studies in the college he spent his vacations in Lancaster with Dr. M. L. Herr. While gaining a good knowledge of every department of the science he made a specialty of nose and throat diseases.

In 1883 the Doctor began practice for himself, and in 1888 came to his present location at No. 46 North Prince Street. In addition to his regular practice he devotes considerable attention to the treatment of diseases of the nose and throat. He owns a three-story brick building, with a frontage of twenty-six feet, which is one of the substantial structures of the city. He was united in marriage, November 29, 1887, with Miss Mary Sener, a native of Lancaster, and daughter of Frederick Sener, a cattle dealer of this place. They are the parents of three children, two daughters and a son.

Socially Dr. Netscher belongs to Lamberton Lodge No. 476, F. & A. M., the Royal Arcanum and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. While

in school he was President of the Phi Kappa Sigma. His political opinions are in accord with the principles of the Republican party. In religion he is identified with St. Paul's Reformed Church. He is a member of the City and County Medical Associations, the Lancaster City Pathological Society and the State Medical Society.



**E**UGENE G. SMITH, well known as one of Lancaster's most successful attorneys, was born in Manheim, this county, January 24, 1853. His paternal grandfather, David Smith, was an extensive plantation and slave owner during ante-bellum days, but before the Rebellion began, he had come to a conscientious realization that slavery was not right. Acting upon this belief he freed his slaves and became a strong Abolitionist, linking his fortune and services in the cause. In early life a Democrat, he afterward joined the Republican party and remained an ardent supporter of that political organization until death. Although he never aspired to political distinction, he was often requested to accept offices of trust and frequently served in public positions. He was intimately acquainted with Lincoln and Grant, whom with other statesmen he entertained on various occasions. In religion he was identified with the Reformed Church, in which he held the most important offices. In support of the church he was liberal, as well as in other philanthropic projects. During the Rebellion he provided provisions and raiment for an entire division of the army for one month, paying for this out of his private funds. His death occurred in August, 1869, at the age of seventy-five. He and his wife, Ann M. Rohrer, had eleven children, but lost the most of them by death in childhood; three of the family still survive.

The father of our subject was born in Antietam, Washington County, Md., and in youth was a student in various academics and in Ball College, afterward was graduated from Baltimore Medical College and became a successful practitioner of the

profession. In 1856 he became interested in Chicago real estate and at one time owned what is now part of Lincoln Park, but later disposed of the larger part of this property and settled in Rohrerstown. This site he selected on account of the healthfulness of the climate, which he hoped would be beneficial to his failing health. He recovered and was able to give his full attention to his large and remunerative practice. During the war he had charge of the Union hospital at Harper's Ferry. He was buried on the day the first Confederate soldiers passed through Rohrerstown but, by special orders from the General in command, his widow and children were protected from molestation. In politics he was a Republican, and in religion was a member of the Reformed Church. He married Elizabeth Barbara, a sister of Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., LL. D., of Franklin and Marshall College. They had two sons, our subject's brother being George Albert, who is engaged in the wholesale tobacco business in Philadelphia.

In the public schools of Lancaster Eugene G. Smith received his elementary education. He took a special course in the high school preparatory to entering Franklin and Marshall College, in which his name was enrolled as a student September 1, 1869, at the age of sixteen. After several years of study he was graduated in 1873, and then took up the study of law under Edwin H. Yunt. Admitted to the Bar he continued with his former preceptor at No. 38 North Duke Street. In politics a Republican, he is one of the leaders of the party in this city. In 1878 he was elected City Solicitor for one term. During his administration the question was agitated of requiring the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to put danger gates at grade crossings. This had been attempted before, but all previous efforts had proved futile. He brought one hundred and seventy-two suits against the company for running trains beyond the maximum rate of speed and won every suit.

With movements of reform in the municipal control of the city, Mr. Smith has been identified. With a number of other gentlemen he conceived the idea of undertaking a movement of reform in the city and county. Their first step was presenting the name of H. Clay Brubaker for judge, and

the contest that followed is remembered as one of the closest in the history of the city. He heads the faction which he and a few others precipitated, and has made a crusade against certain wrongs in the municipal and official control about the courthouse. Boldly, fearlessly and aggressively he has fought the evils and abuses of justice which abound. Through the *Morning News* he has aroused the people to a knowledge of these abuses and has moulded public opinion so that the sentiment of the majority is now in favor of the reforms projected.

Since twenty-one years of age Mr. Smith has served as a Deacon in the Reformed Church. November 2, 1882, he married Miss Margaret Jean, daughter of Col. William M. Wiley, and they are the parents of a daughter, Florence Wiley. In the organization of the Hamilton Club Mr. Smith aided, being a charter member and the first Secretary of the organization. He is also a member of the Young Men's Republican Club of Lancaster and the Citizens' Republican Club.



EDWIN KONIGMACHER has been retired from active business for the past twelve years, though he has money invested and owns a well improved farm in Clay Township, comprising one hundred and three acres, which yield to the owner a nice sum annually. For a number of years our subject was engaged in the drug business at Ephrata, in which city he still makes his home. His birth occurred September 9, 1820, in the township of the same name in Lancaster County, his parents being William and Susan (Bowman) Konigmacher.

The great-grandfather of our subject, who bore the Christian name of Adam, left his native place on the Rhine in Saxony, Germany, prior to the Revolutionary War, when twelve years of age, and set sail for America in company with his mother, who died while on the Atlantic. With friends young Adam continued his journey, and resided with them in this city for a number of years. Re-

turning then to the Fatherland, he married a girl who had been his former playmate, and on their return to America they located on a farm near the village of Ephrata, where they passed their remaining days. His death occurred January 30, 1793, at the age of fifty-five years, and his wife died January 19, 1816, aged seventy years. Their son, Jacob, the next in the line of descent, was born on the homestead farm, and was one of the first physicians in this part of the county, had a wide range of practice and kept three horses in almost constant use. He was a member of the Seven Days Baptist denomination, in the faith of which he died, September 13, 1839, in his sixty-ninth year. His wife, formerly Rebecca Fahnestock, departed this life December 5, 1832, aged fifty-three years. They had four children, Adam, William, Susan and John.

Our subject's father was born in 1797 in Ephrata Township, and in his early life followed farming, but later succeeded his father in the mercantile business in this place. He was a member of the same denomination as his father, and politically was a Whig. He married Miss Susan Bowman and had three children, our subject, Adam and Mary. The mother died June 15, 1833, at the age of thirty-five years, and the father, for his second wife, chose Lydia Miller. Their only child was Rebecca, the wife of Moore Connell, of Ephrata. The father died in 1881, but his second wife is still living, at the age of ninety years.

Mr. Konigmacher of this sketch was born near this city, and remained with his father until reaching his majority, when he entered his general merchandise store, where he remained for several years. He finally succeeded to the business, and in company with his brother also operated a farm which had formerly been carried on by his father. After years spent as a general merchant, our subject embarked in the drug business in this village, and continued in that branch of trade for ten years, selling out in 1882.

May 20, 1860, occurred the marriage of our subject and Miss Lydia Mohler, and to them two children were born: Anna, wife of M. G. Brumbaugh, a preacher and lecturer at Huntingdon, who is connected with the Philadelphia University, and

William, who died March 3, 1865, aged one year and seven months. The mother died April 18, 1866, aged thirty-six years nine months and a-half. November 26, 1868, our subject married Susan Spohn. Anna, the only living child of Mr. Konigmacher, was educated in what is now called Juniata College, at Huntingdon, and is the mother of two children, Mabel and Edwin, aged respectively six and four years.



**J**ACOB LIBHART. The business interests of Marietta have a capable and successful representative in the subject of this biography, who conducts a furniture and undertaking business at this place. The store of which he is owner and proprietor has a frontage of thirty feet, with a depth of eighty feet, and is stocked with a full assortment of furniture of latest improved styles, together with caskets and coffin furnishings of all kinds. In the latter line he has conducted a large business, and since entering upon the trade on his own account has a record of over twenty-eight hundred funerals that he has attended.

Referring to the ancestry and personal history of our subject, we find that his paternal grandfather, Henry Libhart, was a resident of York County, Pa., and a man of great inventive ability and superior intelligence. He manufactured the first pipe organ ever in his county, and in other ways displayed the possession of considerable ingenuity. His latter years were spent in Marietta. The father of our subject, Jacob Libhart, was a business man of Marietta, and for a half-century engaged in business as a cabinet-maker and undertaker, retiring to private life only a few years before his death. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion adhered to the faith of the Reformed Church. Socially he was connected with the Harmony Beneficial Society of Marietta. His death occurred at the age of eighty-two. His first wife, Anna Cromwell, died at the age of thirty-five, after having had four children, viz.: Henry, de-

ceased; Benjamin, a resident of Marietta; John, deceased; and Jacob, the youngest of the household.

Our subject was born February 2, 1832, and in the public schools of Marietta received a practical education, after which he learned the cabinet-maker's trade with his father. At the age of eighteen he assumed charge of his father's undertaking business, which he has since conducted and which is very large, covering a radius of twenty miles from this city. He is a graduate of Professor Sullivan's Embalming School at Harrisburg, Pa., and manufactured the first ice casket for preserving the dead known in Lancaster County. While his attention is given very largely to the demands of his large and increasing business, he also finds time for the intelligent consideration of public questions, and politically gives his allegiance to the Democratic party. At one time he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Superintendent of its Sunday-school, but at present his membership is in the Presbyterian Church. In November, 1867, he married Miss Kate Cohic, who was born July 30, 1839, and they have two daughters, Harriet S. and Anna M., both of whom are at home. Mrs. Libhart is the daughter of Christian and Anna (Bidler) Cohic. They were natives of Pennsylvania and lived at Mt. Joy. Their family consisted of seven daughters and three sons: Maria, Fannie, Barbara, Melia, Mary, Anna, Kate, John, Isaac and Jacob. Mrs. Libhart is the youngest.



**J**OHAN W. HIEMENZ, President of the Lancaster Real Estate and Improvement Company, is one of the most extensive and successful real estate dealers of Lancaster. Like many another man, through his active business career he has made a history for himself well worthy of being recorded in this connection. He first saw the light of day November 21, 1851, in Lancaster. His father, Francis X. Hiemenz, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and a shoemaker by trade, came to America prior to his marriage and worked

at his trade many years, then returned to his German home and died at the age of seventy-five years.

Our subject's mother, Barbara (Ganz) Hiemenz, was a native of the same locality in which her husband was born; she was the daughter of Henry Ganz, a carpenter and builder, who brought the family to Baltimore, Md., subsequently removing to Lancaster. On their voyage back to the Old Country, our subject's mother died and was buried beneath the ocean's wave. The family consisted of ten children, who grew to maturity, and eight are now living, our subject being the third oldest. He was reared in this city, spending his early years as only boyhood can, but at the age of thirteen he was obliged to begin work in earnest. He learned the coal business, also made cigar boxes, and finally drifted into the retail business in company with his brother on North Queen Street, and continued in the same business after the partnership was dissolved.

In 1888 Mr. Hiemenz made a trip to England and other parts of Europe, being absent three months, and after his return to this country engaged in the real estate business, and purchased the Atlee tract at the corner of Locust and Shippen Streets. He built this property up, and then sold out and purchased a tract of Jacob M. Miller, which he also built up and sold. He continued to buy up small tracts of city acre property and improve them, in some instances plating them and disposing of the lots at good figures. Among these tracts may be named a fifteen acre lot belonging to Agnes Kelly, and the Welzel farm, a seventeen acre tract on East King Street. He has lived to see these tracts well improved and provided with excellent buildings.

In the autumn of 1892 Mr. Hiemenz organized the Lancaster Real Estate and Improvement Company, which was incorporated with a capital of \$100,000. He was made President of the same. This company purchased the Kelly property, consisting of eighty acres, and platted the same into town lots, and made substantial building improvements upon the same. They have also established a Real Estate Exchange, which is a distinct corporation by itself and yet a branch of the Improve-

ment Company. Individually Mr. Hiemenz has a fifty-acre tract which he purchased of A. C. Kepler, adjoining the city, and which is one of the finest farms in this part of the state. Among its attractions are a six-acre lawn, a fish pond, artistic grounds and beautiful groves. He also owns valuable property at Lebanon.

In 1881 Mr. Hiemenz was united in marriage with Miss Julia, daughter of the late Henry Stroble, who was a brewer of Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. Hiemenz have had five children, John, Agnes, Paul (deceased), Eugene and Julia. The family residence, one of the delightful homes of Lancaster, is situated at No. 337 East Orange Street. Politically Mr. Hiemenz has always been identified with the Democratic party. The family are members of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Hiemenz has erected on his own property over two hundred houses, some of which have been sold at a good profit. For a man just in the prime of life, there is perhaps no more successful one in the county.



**G**EORGE H. DANNER, a prominent business man and influential citizen of Manheim, is a native of this city, and was born September 10, 1834. His parents, Daniel and Elizabeth (Hartman) Danner, were also natives of Manheim, and lived to a good old age. The father departed this life April 18, 1881. The great-grandfather was one of the early pioneers of this state, and during those perilous times was captured by the Indians. He succeeded in making his escape and returned to his home, where the town of Manheim now stands. At that time the country was all a wild, uncultivated tract of land, with but few inhabitants, and their small log cabins were miles apart.

Adam Danner, the grandfather of our subject, was born here, and learned the trade of a weaver. He was first a weaver of linen, but afterward became a carpet weaver, in which vocation he made a good living for himself and family, and accu-

mulated considerable property. The father, Daniel Danner, was a wheelwright by profession, making a specialty of the manufacture of spring wheels. He was a Whig first, and afterward became a Republican. He served as a member of the Council, and was Treasurer of the borough for a number of years. He was also a member of the first fire company of Manheim, of which he was Secretary. He took a deep interest in the schools of his vicinity, and was a strong advocate of the public school system, and was considered one of the best mathematicians of his day. He was one of the leading men who helped to secure the incorporation of the town of Manheim. Being public-spirited, he was ready to lend a helping hand and assist in every enterprise pertaining to the welfare of the community. For over forty years he was a consistent member of the Evangelical Church, and during most of that time he held the offices of Class-leader and Sunday-school Superintendent. His family consisted of five children, two of whom are living, George H. and Aaron H.

Aaron H. Danner was born November 22, 1836, and received his education in the public schools of Manheim and Millersville State Normal School. He became a teacher in the public schools of his native place, and made teaching his profession for several years. Later he embarked in the mercantile business, and became one of the prosperous business men of Manheim. After fifteen years of prosperity he retired from the store, but being energetic, he could not remain idle, and in a short time again engaged in business, and at the present time is a member of the firm of G. H. Danner & Co. He is a Director in the Keystone National Bank, and Manager of the Manheim & Lancaster Turnpike Company. He is also a member of the City Council, having served in that capacity for years. In politics he is a strong Republican. August 8, 1881, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary, a daughter of William Ensminger. They became the parents of eight children: George D.; Franklin and Esther M., who are still living; Edgar, James, William, Harry and Ella, deceased. George D. is a student in the Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the



public schools of Manheim. After leaving school, he embarked in the mercantile business, and some years later formed a partnership with H. N. Kline, under the firm name of Kline, Danner & Co. Some time afterward the name was changed to Kline & Danner, later to G. H. Danner, and is now known as G. H. Danner & Co. They carry a stock of general merchandise, consisting of dry goods, groceries, queensware, boots and shoes, etc. The stock is worth about \$30,000. In connection with other interests, Mr. Danner is connected with the water works of Manheim, of which he is Treasurer. He is also a Director in the Fairview Cemetery Association.

George H. Danner and Miss Serena G. Weidler, a native of West End Township, were married in 1867. She is a daughter of Jacob Weidler, a prominent agriculturist of that township, and a well known citizen of this county. Our subject is a stanch Republican in politics, and always votes for the candidates of that party. Being a man of good business ability and a public-spirited citizen, Mr. Danner is widely known and highly respected throughout the county.



**P**ROF. JOHN B. KEVINSKI enjoys the distinction of being the oldest teacher of instrumental music in Lancaster, and is a performer on the violin, on which instrument he also gives instruction. In the science of mineralogy he is deeply interested and well informed, and is very fond of exploring places rarely visited by man. He is President of the Tucquan Fishing Club, and while out fishing explored a tributary of the Susquehanna River, which is named in his honor.

The Professor inherits his musical ability from his father, Vincent Kevinski, who was skilled in that art. He was born in Warsaw, Poland, and in youth was a soldier in the Russian army. In 1833 he embarked on a vessel bound for the United States, and on his arrival in this country

settled in York, York County, Pa. In 1837 he came to Lancaster, and here established the brass band, which soon gained a wide reputation for fine music. About 1842 he removed to Womelsdorf, Berks County, but in 1853 again came to Lancaster. He departed this life in March, 1879, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. As a talented musician he was widely and favorably known throughout Pennsylvania, and organized many bands of music, of which he was director.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Ann Maria Coleman, and was a native of Germany. She died in Lancaster in 1874, when in her seventy-ninth year. The only member of the family who attained mature years was John B., who was born in York, Pa., September 9, 1835. From boyhood he received instruction in music from his father. Having inherited his love of the art, his progress was very rapid, and when only fifteen years of age he began giving lessons on the violin, and has been teaching in Lancaster since 1853. Since 1879 he has had charge of the vocal music in the public schools, and the fact that he has held that position for a period of fifteen years proves better than mere words could do, his accomplishments as a musician and efficiency as an instructor.

Socially Professor Kevinski is a Mason of high standing, and is Past Master of Lamberton Lodge No. 476. A Lutheran in religious belief, his membership is in the Trinity Church. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home of Lancaster since 1874, and in many other ways has been of great benefit to the community. As before stated, he is officiating as President of the Tucquan Fishing Club, which is the oldest organization of the kind here. He is also a member of the Philadelphia Botanical Club and the Linnaean Society. In his home he has a cabinet containing many fine specimens of mineralogy and geology, and having given much time and attention to these studies, he takes great pleasure in adding rare specimens to his collection, which is one of the best in the locality.

Dr. Porter, of La Fayette College, in Easton, is an intimate friend of Professor Kevinski, and like him is an active member of the Philadelphia Bo-

tanical Society. In politics the Professor is a strong Republican, and is greatly interested in the success of his party. In 1874 he was elected to represent the First Ward in the City Council, and for one year held the position of President of that body.



**D**AVID M. EYER. The gentleman whose name introduces this sketch is intelligent and enterprising, and from boyhood has been interested in agricultural pursuits. He has spent many years of his life tilling and cultivating the soil, and is now in comfortable circumstances, living retired near Rowenna. He was born on a farm in Lebanon County, near Annville, September 7, 1830. His parents were John and Leah (Moyer) Eyer, who were also natives of Pennsylvania, the father having been born in Franklin County. He was a farmer and miller by occupation, and a Republican in politics. He died in Lancaster County, June 28, 1886.

David M. Eyer was reared on his father's farm, assisting in the various duties of farm life, and attending the public schools of Lancaster, where he received a common-school education. Later he entered the Marietta Academy, and under the instruction of Prof. J. P. Wickersham finished his education and began the actual duties of life. He chose the occupation of a farmer, and has made it a life-long study. Naturally intelligent and energetic, he has been successful where others might have failed, and while in his prime, and only a little past the middle age of life, can enjoy the fruits of his labor and take the rest he so well deserves.

At present Mr. Eyer is a Director and stockholder in the First National Bank of Marietta, and a stockholder in the Rowenna Shoe Manufacturing Company, the Columbia Roller Mills, the Maytown and Marietta Turnpike Company, the Cemetery Association and Creamery. He has also served as School Director for a number of years, and filled various other local offices in his town-

ship, attending faithfully to every duty, thereby gaining the respect of the entire community and a host of warm and true friends.

Mr. Eyer has been twice married, the first time choosing for his bride Miss Mary, a daughter of Henry Musser, and to them were born eight children, three of whom are living: John, Henry, and Alice, who is the wife of Amos Shank, of Conoy Township. Mrs. Mary Eyer departed this life June 4, 1876, aged forty-one years, leaving a large circle of friends to mourn her loss. May 30, 1878, our subject was again married, this time Miss Catherine Lenhart becoming his wife.

Politically our subject is a staunch Prohibitionist, and an ardent worker in the interests of that party. The temperance cause will always find in him a warm and true friend, ever ready to lend a helping hand to a fallen brother and assist in the warfare against saloons, and fight for God, home, and native land. He and his excellent wife are members of the River Brethren Church, and as such occupy a high social position, and are closely identified with all matters pertaining to the upward growth and advancement of their home locality and the village, which numbers them among its enterprising and prosperous citizens.



**J**OHN WESTERMAN. The active business interests of Columbia are well represented in this gentleman, who is the proprietor of a fine meat market at Nos. 418 and 420 Cherry Street. He is a native of this county and was born October 26, 1854, in Fruitville, to Leopold and Anna (Wagner) Westerman. His grandfather, Mathias Westerman, was born in Germany, and all his life followed farm pursuits. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and reared a family of nine children, of whom two came to America. The journey hither was made about 1850, at which time they located in Lancaster County.

Leopold Westerman received a good education in the model schools of his native land, after which he learned the trade of a carpenter, which he fol-

lowed for a number of years after coming to America. Later he began contracting and building and met with good success in this branch of business. He made his home for a short time in Lancaster, after which we find him living in Lisbon, Linn County, Iowa, where he died seven years later. He was a Democrat in politics and a devoted member of the Lutheran Church. While in his native land he served for a number of years in the German Army, which is required of all youths.

The parental family of our subject included four children, of whom he was the eldest. His brother next younger was named Henry, and is residing in Lancaster engaged as a butcher; Christopher is a lumber dealer in Shrewsbury, York County, and Mary, the only daughter, is the wife of John H. Ostertag, a furniture dealer of this city. The husband and father departed this life April 7, 1863, when only thirty-seven years of age.

John Westerman attended school both in this state and while living in Iowa. When a lad of fourteen he entered the butcher shop of Milton Wike, of Columbia, with whom he learned the business and remained for a period of six years. The year before attaining his majority young Westerman began in business for himself, establishing a meat market which he conducted at first on a small scale, remaining in one place for five and one-half years. He then moved to his present location and occupies a plant 60x200 feet in dimensions. In connection with his market he has a slaughter house, manufacturing room, smoke-house, numerous cattle pens, etc., and is carrying on a large and paying business.

Mr. Westerman is interested in many of the leading enterprises in operation in the city, among them being the Wilson Laundry and Machinery Company, of which he is one of the Directors, and the Columbia National Bank, in which he is one of the largest stockholders. He is also Director of St. Joseph's Building Association, and in other respects is honorably discharging his obligations as a citizen. He affiliates with the Democratic party, and was elected on that ticket for two terms of three years each on the City Council, of which he was President for twelve months. He has represented this city in political conventions for the past

fifteen years and was a delegate at the convention which nominated Governor Pattison. He belongs to the Masonic order, and is Past Master of Columbia Lodge No. 286, Past High Priest of Chapter No. 224, and Past Eminent Commander of Cyrene Commandery No. 34. In religion he is a Lutheran.

September 19, 1873, John Westerman and Miss Mary C. Metzgar were united in marriage, and the children who have come to bless their union are named respectively: Anna Mary, Cecelia Bird, Milton Wyke and John. After a hotly contested fight our subject was appointed Postmaster of Columbia over F. P. D. Miller, one of the leading grocers of the city.



**H**ENRY C. BOYD is one of the enterprising merchants of Manheim, and one of her most liberal and enterprising citizens.

His influence has been used in securing new industries for the borough, and much of his time and means have been freely tendered to this end. Since 1861 he has been prominent in the mercantile trade of the place, and since 1875 has been engaged in business alone. The well known store of Mr. Boyd is a general emporium for all kinds of dry goods, notions, boots, shoes, carpets, groceries, etc. A large line of goods from which his customers may make their selections is constantly carried in stock. Year by year his trade has steadily increased, and not only the people of Manheim, but those living within a radius of a dozen miles are numbered among his steady customers. In the management of his business Mr. Boyd has displayed unusual ability and genius, and his success is due to his knowledge of the wants of his customers and wise control of his affairs.

A native of Lancaster County, Henry C. Boyd was born in Mt. Hope, July 16, 1838, his parents being John and Catherine (Likens) Boyd. On the paternal side he is of Scotch-Irish descent.

His father, who was born in Scotland, came to this country during the first quarter of the present century and located in Baltimore. He was first employed in a rolling mill, and subsequently became clerk and manager of a store near Reading, Pa. Still later he clerked in Brook's store at Birdsboro. For twelve years he was employed in Mt. Hope Furnace and became quite well-to-do in a financial sense. He was popular and highly respected by those who had business or other dealings with him, and bore an enviable reputation for veracity and honor. He was an old line whig, and in religion a Presbyterian, and was greatly interested in educational affairs. Of his ten children, all but one are living.

Henry C. Boyd passed his early years on a farm, where he remained until about seventeen years of age. His education was such as was afforded by the public schools, and on completing his studies he commenced his business life as a clerk for Arndt & Worley, merchants of Manheim, with whom he remained for three years. At the end of this time he became a member of the firm, under the title of Worley, Bombirger & Boyd, which was succeeded by that of Arndt & Boyd. They prosperously carried on business for thirteen years together, or from 1861 to 1875. In the latter year Mr. Boyd embarked in trade for himself, and has ever since met with good success in his undertakings. In that year he constructed the large block building in which his present extensive store is located, and to-day his trade ranks in amount and importance with the leading retail merchants of this county. In various ventures he has invested money from time to time. He owns a farm of sixty-five acres and is a Director in the Manheim National Bank. Among the many new industries which he has supported is the Enterprise Hosiery Mill, of which he is now a Trustee. A Republican in politics, he has been a member of the City Council, held the office of Notary Public, and has been a School Director. For many years Mr. Boyd has been an Elder in the Reformed Church, with which he holds membership, and has been Superintendent of the Sunday-school. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Selah Lodge No. 657, of Manheim. While he was a member of

the School Board the fine new building was completed, and many improvements made in the system.

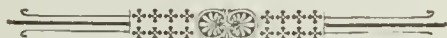
September 4, 1861, Mr. Boyd married Catherine, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Eisenberger, of Manheim. To Mr. and Mrs. Boyd were born six children, four of whom are living, namely: Henry O., who married Ella Keener and is engaged in business with his father; Allen James, who married Elizabeth Pfoutz, of Lititz, and clerks in the senior Mr. Boyd's store; George Rufus, a clerk in the Manheim Bank, and John William, now attending Franklin and Marshall College, of Lancaster. The children who have passed away were named Franklin H. and Mina.



**M**RS. MARY E. WILSON, M. D., daughter of Philip Miller and Jane Morton, was born in New Providence, Lancaster County Pa., August 30, 1839. She graduated from the Girls' High School of Lancaster in 1856, afterwards taking a two years' course of study in the Washington Institute, of Columbia, Pa. Later she taught the Girls' High School, of Columbia, and was one of the first women who taught in the public schools of Lancaster County. In 1864 she began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. John K. Raub, of New Providence. In 1865 she entered the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, in 1866 attended hospital clinics in New York City, and in 1868 received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. She then began the practice of medicine in Lancaster, and until his death, was the assistant of Dr. John L. Atlee in his capital operations. Except one, who practiced a few years, Mrs. Wilson is the first woman to practice medicine in Lancaster County, and her success has attracted a number of young women who have prepared themselves under her instruction for the

successful practice of their profession in different parts of the United States.

Mrs. Wilson has been twice married. She has two children, a son, Redmond Conyngham, Esq., who is a member of the Lancaster Bar, and a daughter, the only child of the late William A. Wilson, Esq., who is now the wife of William H. Hager.



**B**ENJAMIN M. BARR, a prosperous farmer residing in East Hempfield Township, is the son of Benjamin and Barbara (Miller) Barr, and was born in Conestoga Township, July 14, 1828. The patronymic was originally spelled Bear, and is of German origin.

John Barr, grandfather of our subject, was a native of the above township, where he owned about four hundred acres of land, and was regarded as one of the large landowners and successful farmers of the county. He was a member of the Mennonite Church and a true Christian gentleman. He was an anti-Mason, and in politics was a Whig. He married a Miss Bachman, by whom he had ten children: John, Jacob, Christian, Benjamin, Emanuel, Henry, Maria, Elizabeth, Kate and Lydia.

The father of our subject, Benjamin Barr, was likewise born in Conestoga Township, and by attendance at the district school acquired a fund of useful knowledge. He was a tanner by trade, to which he added the occupation of a farmer, owning a large amount of land, and at his death was found to be worth \$65,000. This fortune was accumulated entirely through his own efforts and the assistance given him by his good wife, who was a most worthy lady. Benjamin Barr was a member of the Mennonite Church, and in politics voted the Whig ticket. He was very popular in his community, and commanded the respect of all who knew him. By his union with Miss Barbara Miller there were born three sons and two daughters, of whom our subject was the youngest. The other members of the family were Abraham, John, Fan-

nie, deceased; and Eliza, the wife of Benjamin Snavely, of Lancaster.

The original of this sketch was thoroughly trained to farm pursuits by his honored father, and when old enough took charge of the home farm. In 1872, however, he moved to Millersville Township and there purchased a tract of one hundred and thirty-six acres, which he still owns. He made that place his home for about ten years, when we find him located on his present estate, containing one hundred and fifty-four acres of valuable farming land. Mr. Barr also has in his possession one hundred and twenty-four acres, from the rental of which he derives a good income. He has been prosperous in all his undertakings, and as a farmer he is considered a man of enterprise and ability, and has acquired a handsome competence through years of industry and labor. In politics he is a true blue Republican, and is greatly interested in the success of his party. He has been School Director for fifteen years, during which time he rendered valuable service on the Board.

December 7, 1857, Benjamin M. Barr and Miss Barbara, daughter of John Buckwalter, were united in marriage, and the result of their union has been three children, of whom the eldest, Elaine, is deceased. Aldus is engaged in farm pursuits in Millersville Township, and Benjamin, Jr., is at home.



**I**SLATER GEIST, editor and proprietor of the *Marietta Times*, was born March 5, 1832, in Manheim Township, Lancaster County, Pa., a member of a family that has been long established in Pennsylvania. The first representative in this country was George Geist, Sr., who was born in the western part of Wurtemberg, Germany, and many years after his marriage started for America, accompanied by his wife and five children, Simon, Leonard, George, Mary and Rosina. The last named died while crossing the ocean.

Landing in Philadelphia in the year 1750, the sons Simon and Leonard soon afterward appren-

ted themselves to a man by the name of Slaymaker, in Strasburg, in order to pay the expense of the voyage and relieve their parents of that burden. After a brief sojourn in Morris County, N. J., the family removed to Virginia, where the father engaged in farming. Later, however, he returned to Morris County, where his death occurred. One of his brothers, Philip, came to this country from Germany in 1753, and settled at Strasburg, Lancaster County; his son, Philip, Jr., became one of the most prominent Whig politicians of the county, serving as Commissioner and in other local offices.

The eldest son of George Geist, Sr., Simon, was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Bachman, whose father, Felix Bachman, was a large land owner in the southeastern part of Lancaster County. Their children were, Margaret; Mrs. Elizabeth Hood, who died in Ohio; Mrs. Mary Miller, of Dayton, Ohio; Jacob, a resident of the Buckeye State; George; Henry; Mrs. Barbara Fogel; Mrs. Susan McCord, of Colerain Township; Sarah, who died unmarried, and Mrs. Rachel Pickle. Leonard, the second son of George Geist, Sr., married a Miss Pickle and made his home near Pittsburg. George, Jr., was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, April 18, 1739, and after coming to this country was apprenticed to a farmer, Daniel Royer, residing in Manheim Township, Lancaster County, Pa., five miles north of Lancaster City, until twenty-one years old. Afterward purchasing land, he became the owner of one hundred and twenty acres near Neffsville, where he remained until his death, October 21, 1821, aged eighty-two years, five months and twenty-four days.

Twice married, the first wife of George Geist, Jr., was Barbara Wolfe, and after her death he was united with her sister, Susan. Their children were seven in number. The eldest, Jacob, married and made his home near Lancaster, Ohio; Elizabeth, wife of George Kraft, died in Manheim Township; George, Jr., married Mary Burkenhouse, and for his second wife chose Miss Mary Johnson; Andrew married Anna Baker, and resided in Erie, Pa., until his death, at ninety-five years; Susan became the wife of Rev. Michael Witman, of Manheim borough; Daniel married Elizabeth Tuft,

and lived in Pennsylvania; John married Mary Slater, whose father, Capt. John Slater, was the first merchant of Neffsville, and was also a soldier in the Revolutionary War, enlisting in 1778 in Colonel Hollenbaeh's regiment, and serving as Captain of his company until he was mustered out August 26, 1780. Captain Slater had a liberal education and for some years taught school. He opened the first dry goods store in Fidler's Green (now Neffsville), and also served as Postmaster of the place.

The father of our subject, John Geist, was born in Manheim Township, Lancaster County, January 25, 1787, and received meagre educational advantages. His life work was that of a farmer, his home being near Neffsville. Politically he was a Whig in early life, and later a strong advocate of Republican principles. In religious belief he was a Lutheran, in which faith he died October 18, 1863, aged seventy-six years, eight months and twenty-three days. His wife, Mary, who was born September 28, 1791, in East Lampeter Township, Lancaster County, passed from earth May 22, 1863, aged seventy-one years, seven months and twenty-four days. She was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church.

In the family of John and Mary Geist were the following named children: Daniel S. and John S. (twins), born June 27, 1813, the latter dying December 4, 1888; Jacob, born December 26, 1815, now a resident of New Holland; George, born February 26, 1818, whose home is in Dayton, Ohio; Samuel S., who was born June 24, 1820, and lives in Manheim Township; Henry and Mary (twins), born February 26, 1823, the latter, Mrs. Augustus Lightner, now living on the old homestead in Manheim Township; Barbara, who was born January 30, 1826, and is the wife of William Fritz, a carpenter of Leacock Township; Abram, born May 12, 1829, a resident of Manheim Township, where he is engaged in the meat business; Isaae S. and Rebecca (twins), born March 5, 1832, the former our subject, the latter unmarried and living in Lancaster; and Susan the youngest, who was born March 2, 1836, and is the wife of John Long, of Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the schools of Manheim Township, Whitehall Academy

at Harrisburg, and the Millersville State Normal, graduating from the scientific department of the latter institution in 1861. Prior to this he taught a number of terms of school, being thus engaged in Illinois a short time. On his return east he took his scientific course and then taught one year, after which he was for four years professor of natural sciences at Millersville State Normal School. On returning to Marietta, he became Principal of the high school, which position he held until 1888. Altogether, he was employed for thirty-six years as Principal of schools. In 1886 he purchased the *Marietta Times*, which he has since edited and published.

An active Republican, Mr. Geist is one of the leaders of his party in this section. Since discontinuing as Principal he has served as Director of the Marietta schools. He is Director in the Marietta Manufacturing Company, President of the Marietta & Lancaster Turnpike Company, and Director of the Home Building & Loan Association. Socially he belongs to Ashara Lodge No. 398, F. & A. M., of which he has been Secretary for twenty years; Corinthian Chapter No. 224, and Cyrene Commandery, No. 34, K. T. In the Presbyterian Church of Marietta he is serving as Deacon. October 26, 1865, he married Miss Margaret, daughter of Fred Franck, of Marietta.



**W** H. GUTHRIE. A lifetime of earnest endeavor in pursuing the various occupations in which he has been engaged, coupled with strict integrity, honesty of purpose and liberality, has tended to place Mr. Guthrie among the highly honored and successful business men of Lancaster. He is a prominent contractor, painter and decorator in the city, and his attainments and enterprise point to an influential future.

Our subject was born near Guthriesville, East Brandywine Township, Chester County, this state, October 5, 1847, and is the son of Allen Guthrie, also a native of the above county. His grandfather,

Joseph Guthrie, came to the United States from Scotland, locating in Chester County, where he founded the village of Guthriesville. He was the first Postmaster of the place, and was prominent in all public affairs.

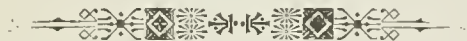
The father of our subject was a painter by trade, following the business first in Chester and afterwards in Chambersburg, whence he came to Lancaster in 1848. He departed this life February 17, 1893, when in the sixty-ninth year of his age. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a man who endeared himself to the hearts of the people, not only in his immediate community, but throughout the country. He married Miss Mary A. Garrett, who was born in Chester County and was of Scotch descent. She is also deceased, passing away in 1882.

The parental family of our subject included seven children, all of whom are living with the exception of two. W. H. was the eldest of the household and obtained his primary education in the public school of Lancaster. He afterward attended Franklin and Marshall College, and in 1864, when ready to commence in life for himself, was apprenticed to learn the machinist's trade in the Norris Locomotive Works. He remained there for three years, and finding the business not to his taste, abandoned it and took up painting, which he has followed with success ever since.

In 1882 our subject was taken into partnership with his father, the firm operating under the title of Guthrie & Son until 1892, when the connection was dissolved. Our subject is a practical painter and has contracted for the finishing of many of the fine buildings and residences in the city, among which are the Duke Street Methodist Episcopal Church, the Grubb mansion, Hotel Lancaster, American House, the umbrella factory, the Industrial School and the Soldiers' Orphan School at Scotland. He makes a specialty of fine graining and for a number of years has been employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad in the finishing department at the car shops of the New York and Pennsylvania Divisions. His place of business is located at No. 233 North Queen Street, and he has in his employ about thirty-four men.

W. H. Guthrie was married in April, 1882, in

Shippensburg, Cumberland County, to Miss Marietta, daughter of Josiah McPherson, a farmer by occupation. Their union has resulted in the birth of four children, namely: Mary, Roswell, Helen and Allen Hershel. In social affairs our subject is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Herschel Lodge No. 23, in which he has passed all the chairs. He also belongs to the Encampment and Council and is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. A consistent member of the Grace Lutheran Church, he is a member of the vestry. He is a Republican in politics and has many warm friends in that party. He was one of the first members of the National Association of Master Painters on its organization, and at present is identified with the Pennsylvania Association of Master Painters.



**M**ILTON ALEXANDER, a member of the Lancaster County Bar, has for twenty-five years been engaged in the practice of his profession at Altoona, Blair County, and is now a resident of Lancaster. He was born in Williamsburg, Blair County, January 2, 1846, being a son of Robert and Mary (Rodkey) Alexander.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and left his native land to settle in Hart's Log Valley, Huntingdon County, where during the American Revolution he took part in the Indian troubles of that vicinity. He married, reared a family and died in that valley in 1813, aged sixty-four years. One of his sons, Robert, became the father of our subject, and was born June 5, 1805. He removed in 1827 to Williamsburg, Pa., where he engaged in general merchandising until 1874, then retiring to make his home in Altoona, where he departed this life August 12, 1884, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith and a Republican after the formation of that party. August 4, 1829, he married Mary Rodkey, who was born on the same day, and they celebrated their golden wedding August 4, 1879. The de-

voted wife and mother was called to her final rest June 27, 1882, being in her seventy-eighth year.

Milton Alexander received his elementary education in his native town and when sixteen years of age entered Jefferson College in Washington County, from which he graduated in the Class of '66, the first class of the United College of Washington and Jefferson. Later he read law with David Lawson, of Clarion, Pa., and in 1869 completed his legal course in the Law Department of the University of Albany, and June 26th of that year, settled in Altoona to begin his practice. In July, 1869, John Dean, now Justice of the Supreme Court, moved that Mr. Alexander be admitted to the Bar of Blair County, and in the fall of 1871 he was elected District Attorney, serving for three years with credit to himself and to the full satisfaction of the public. During this time his law practice had so increased that he formed a partnership with H. H. Herr, which association continued for seventeen years, or until the death of Mr. Herr, October 4, 1890, since which time our subject has continued in business alone.

September 10, 1872, Mr. Alexander was united in marriage with Katie F. Martin, daughter of B. B. Martin, of Lancaster, and they have two children: Ralph N. and Lillian Marie. The family occupy a beautiful residence known as West Lawn, situated at No. 407 West Chestnut Street. B. B. Martin, the father of Mrs. Alexander, was born in West Earl Township, August 9, 1821, being a descendant of a hardy Swiss Mennonite family. His father was John Martin, and he married Catherine Rohrer, daughter of Christian Rohrer, of Millersville.

In the municipal affairs of Altoona, Mr. Alexander took an active interest, served as a member of the Select Council and was City Solicitor for several years. In 1869 he assisted in organizing the building association and is yet the solicitor of four of the largest serial associations in the state, having faithfully piloted them through the panic of 1873 without loss. He is a staunch Republican, having always worked for the success of his party. In 1871 he became a member of Logan Lodge No. 490, F. & A. M., of which he was the first entered apprentice. He belongs to the Patriotic Or-



der Sons of America, and in every way has always endeavored to loyally fulfill the duties of citizenship, and with the last named order served as State Treasurer and State President. In the practice of his profession Mr. Alexander has been very industrious and studious, meeting with large financial success, as well as becoming noted for his legal ability. When he removed from Aitona to this city, it was very much regretted by his many warm friends in that locality, and since coming here he has been connected with the firm of Martin, Holahan & Alexander. Genial and pleasant in manner, useful and active as a citizen, a careful and judicious counselor, he yet shows no signs of old age and expects to round out his life in quiet and contentment in this city.



**E**DWIN ERISMAN SNYDER, overseer at the Lancaster cotton mills, was born in this city, November 30, 1837; his father was Jacob Snyder, born February 4, 1811. Our subject's grandfather, Capt. Jacob, the son of Christian Snyder, was born January 18, 1784. He was a wheelwright and woodworker by trade and had a shop on West King Street. He was a soldier in the of War 1812 and was captain of a company, belonging to the Second Regiment of the Second Brigade Pennsylvania Militia from September 2 to December 15, 1814. He died April 15, 1844, at the age of seventy years. He was an acceptable member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and had been an officer for many years. He was of German descent and an old settler at Lancaster.

Our subject's father was captain of a militia company and was always addressed as "Captain." He was a wheelwright by trade and occupied the same shop till his death, January 27, 1879. He was a Republican in politics and was an officer in the Lutheran Church for many years, as is also his son, our subject. Our subject's mother's maiden name was Margaret Erisman, born October 9, 1814, at Lancaster; she was the daughter of Daniel and Margaret Erisman, also natives of Lancaster. Her parents

were farmers and lived adjoining the city until her death. The mother died February 22, 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Christian Snyder were the parents of the following children: Mary Catherine, who is married and lives in Dayton, Ohio; Daniel Christian and Albert Charles, who died in childhood; Edwin E., our subject; Anna Elizabeth, Mrs. W. M. Wetherell, of Iowa; Emma Louisa, born September 28, 1841, now Mrs. M. M. Rice, of Maquoketa; Jacob Kahler, born July 1, 1844, in the employ of the People's Car Company, of Philadelphia; George Lewis and Charles Henry, who died young. Jacob K. was in the Civil War in Company F, First Pennsylvania Infantry, enlisting April 20, 1861. September 15 of the same year he became a member of Company H, Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry, as First Sergeant and was promoted from Sergeant to Sergeant-Major of his regiment. April 22, 1865, he was promoted to Lieutenant of Company C, and was mustered out July 12, 1865. At the battle of Chickamauga, he was wounded in the leg.

The subject of this sketch was reared in Lancaster and had the advantages of a common-school education, and carried newspapers when a small boy and afterwards clerked in a book-store, a few years after which he went into a printing office, where the *Independent Whig* and *Inland Daily* were published; after a year or two of such work, he went into the employment of the cotton mills now known as John Farnum Company No. 2, and he has held that position ever since, beginning at the bottom round when a boy. Since 1865, he has been overseer of the carding department. He is a charter member of the American Mechanics' Building and Loan Association and has been a member of the Board of Trustees, President two terms and Vice-President. He is also one of the directors of the Union Building and Loan Association, his son John E. being the solicitor of the same.

In Lititz Mr. Snyder was united in marriage July 24, 1860, to Miss Margaret C. McLane, born in Lebanon County, Pa., the daughter of Thomas McLane, who was born in Ireland. Our subject and his wife are the parents of four children: Thomas McLane, who died in infancy; John E., born April 13, 1863, a graduate of the high school, now an attorney in Lancaster, and serving in the

capacity of City Solicitor; Robert Stevens, who died in infancy; and Bertha, a graduate of Lancaster High School, as well as the Normal at Millersville, and now one of the teachers in the city schools.

Our subject served as a member of the common council for many years, and has held many official positions in the municipal government of Lancaster. He is a member of Monterey Lodge No. 242, I. O. O. F., and has passed all the chairs in that lodge; he also belongs to Ridgely Encampment No. 407, and Lancaster Lodge No. 68, K. of P., as well as Lancaster Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., Royal Arcanum No. 463, and Lancaster Assembly of Artisans No. 27. He belongs to Conestoga Mutual Benefit Association and was one of the original members and has been its Secretary for years. He was a member of the Humane Fire Company for many years and served as its Secretary for twelve years, until he moved away from the vicinity. In 1869 he was elected Vice-President of the company and has held the office ever since. In religious matters, he is identified with the Lutheran Church and has been in the vestry for the last fifteen years as Warden and Elder, and served as Secretary of the vestry for the last twelve years. Politically, he is an active Republican and has served on city and county committees.



**W**ILLIAM H. CARR, M. D. Although young in years, this prominent resident of Lancaster has by determined will and perseverance risen to a high position among the practitioners in his community and is one of the largest and most successful oculists, aurists and rhino-larynologists in this portion of the state. Dr. Carr was born in St. Clair, Schuylkill County, this state, December 3, 1861, and is the son of Dr. Andrew P. Carr, born on the Bay of Bengal.

The father of our subject was educated in Geneva,

N. Y., and completed his medical studies in the University of New York City. He located for practice in St. Clair, this state, and during his residence there was one of the most successful physicians in the place. He makes a specialty of surgery, however, and has performed many difficult operations during his practice in the Philadelphia Hospital. Socially, Dr. Andrew P. Carr is a Knight Templar, and in religious affairs belongs to the Episcopal Church, of which he is Warden in St. Clair.

The mother of our subject prior to her marriage was known as Miss Jane Dungan. She was born in Ireland. By her union with Dr. Carr she became the mother of three children, of whom our subject was the eldest. His brother, Charles D., is also a prominent physician, and a graduate of Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. George W. is attending that institution and will complete his medical studies in 1895.

The original of this sketch removed to the Quaker City when a lad of ten years and there completed his studies, graduating with the Class of '77. He then entered an academy in that city taught by Professor McGanigal, in order to prepare himself to continue his studies in the University of Pennsylvania. Two years later he entered that institution, spending four years in the medical department, and was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1883.

The first eighteen months after graduating Dr. Carr attended to small-pox patients in Schuylkill County, and then returned to hospital work in Philadelphia. Later he took charge of the Schuylkill County Hospital, which he superintended for two years, and during this time carried on his studies of the eye and ear. Returning at the expiration of that time to Philadelphia, he entered the Polytechnic College and was graduated in 1887. He then entered the Pennsylvania Hospital in that city, as physician on diseases of the eye, ear and nose, and also diagnosed cases in this special branch in the German Hospital.

Dr. Carr has a finely equipped office at No. 3 North Queen Street, while his beautiful residence is located at No. 165 East King Street. He has the finest refracting room in the state, in which there

is an uninterrupted light, and the suite devoted to ophthalmic work is painted black.

The marriage of our subject occurred in Pottsville, in September, 1884, the lady on that occasion being Miss Maude Irene, daughter of William D. Rudy, a prominent merchant in that place. In social affairs the Doctor is a Mason of high standing, belonging to Lodge No. 476. He is connected with the Lehigh Valley Medical and the Schuylkill County Medical Societies, together with the State Medical Association, in all of which bodies he takes an active part. Religiously he belongs to St. James' Episcopal Church. In politics the Doctor is an ardent young Republican, and is influential in the political life of his community.



**S**AMUEL BARD, Sr., resides in Upper Leacock Township, where he has a fine farm of one hundred and fifty acres, ninety of which were formerly comprised in the old homestead. His prominence among the citizens of the township is the result of his straightforward dealings with all, as well as the enterprise he displays in the management of his affairs. He is well known, for he has spent his entire life in this county and has ever maintained a deep interest in its progress. He is the son of George and Elizabeth (Swope) Bard, and was born on the old home farm in the western portion of this township October 15, 1816.

The Bard family is of German origin, the great-grandfather of our subject having emigrated from the Fatherland many years ago and settled in Lancaster County, where he took up a large tract of land in Upper Leacock Township, which still belongs to various representatives of the family. His son, George Philip, was the grandfather of Samuel of this sketch and spent his entire life in farming on the old homestead. His son, George, was likewise born on that tract and when starting out for himself his father gave him two hundred acres, a portion of which descended to our subject. This gentleman was a prominent member of

the Lutheran Church, in the faith of which he had been reared. In political belief he was a Whig until the formation of the Republican party, since which time he has voted for its candidates.

The mother of our subject was the daughter of Henry Swope, a farmer of this township, and by her union with George Bard she became the mother of eight sons and three daughters, all of whom are deceased with the exception of Adam, who is a lumber merchant of Reading, this state; Levi, a retired farmer of Cocalico Township, Lancaster County; our subject, and Elizabeth, wife of Henry Forney, a retired farmer of West Lampeter Township. The father died in 1856, passing away at the age of eighty-three years.

The original of this sketch was educated in the district school, and on the death of his father fell heir to ninety acres of land. This, together with the sixty acres which he afterward purchased, is devoted to general agriculture.

In 1844 Samuel Bard was married to Miss Leah, daughter of George Stuck, a farmer of Earl Township. To them was granted a family of seven children, of whom we make the following mention: Henry is engaged in the manufacture of spokes in Reading, this state; Laura is the wife of Abram B. Bausman; James is a hardware merchant in Reading; Justus was the next in order of birth; Agnes is at home; Samuel is farming with his father, and Ida is at home.

Mr. Bard affiliates with the Republican party and is one of its most ardent adherents. Energetic, honest, progressive and upright, our subject is one of that class of people who build up any section and make it to take a high place among the communities of the state.



**G**EOERGE ROHR, managing editor of the *Freie Presse* Publishing Company, was born in Manheim, Baden, Germany, October 2, 1856. He is the son of John and Magdalena Rohr, who in 1866 crossed the ocean to America and settled in Lancaster. The death of his father

occurred in December of 1893; the mother is still living, and is a resident of Lancaster. His education, commenced in the schools of Germany, the subject of this sketch carried on in the public schools and St. Joseph school of Lancaster, where he has spent much of his time since a lad of ten. At the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a printer under Gottlieb Smith, and after gaining a thorough knowledge of the art preservative, went to Trenton, where he was employed on a German publication for three years. Thence he proceeded to New York, where he spent two years in a printing office, and later was employed for a similar period in Philadelphia.

Returning to Lancaster in the year 1883, Mr. Rohr became an employe of the *Freie Presse*, and since the 1st of February, 1888, has been managing editor of the daily paper issued by this company. He is a gentleman of superior intelligence and ability, whose native talents and inclinations have led him to adopt journalism as his profession, and the success he has met with proves that his selection was a wise one. In Trenton he was united in marriage with Miss Kate H. Braun, a native of that city, and they are the parents of four children now living.



JACOB H. HERSHEY is one of the worthy old settlers of East Hempfield Township, and is now a resident of Rohrerstown. He was born in this township June 4, 1826, being a son of Andrew and Annie (Hartman) Hershey. In tracing his ancestral history we find that three brothers by the name of Hershey came from Switzerland over one hundred and fifty years ago, settling in this county. The one from whom Jacob H. is a lineal descendant took up a large tract of land near the city of Lancaster, and there his son Jacob was born and reared. He owned several farms and lived in Manor Township. By his marriage with Barbara Herstand, of Donegal Township he had the following children: John, Jacob, Henry, Benjamin, Andrew, Mary and Elizabeth.

The sons all married and have families, but the two daughters died in early life. One son, Jacob, removed to Ohio, where he owned a farm of six hundred and eighty acres, the present site of Medina. The other members of the family remained in this county and intermarried with the best and most respected inhabitants. One peculiar thing about them is that with very few exceptions they have all been Whigs and Republicans.

Andrew Hershey, our subject's father, was born in Manor Township, December 16, 1794. He was a thrifty farmer and was reasonably successful though he was in very poor health. He was a member of the Dunkard Church, and in that faith died March 23, 1837. February 8, 1825, he married the daughter of Samuel Hartman, a farmer of Manor Township, and by their union were born two sons and two daughters: Jacob H., Benjamin, who died when about four years old; Barbara, wife of Rev. Jacob N. Metzger, an Evangelical minister, and Annie, widow of David R. Bower of Midway, Ohio. The mother, who was born October 5, 1801, and was a member of the Dunkard Church, died June 23, 1862.

Jacob H. Hershey received a public school education in the township where he was born, and early engaged in farming. He also operated a mill for some years, and in 1867 removed to a farm adjacent. Subsequently he was engaged in the Revenue service, receiving an appointment from the Government, and after the office was abolished was appointed Deputy-Collector, a position he held with few intermissions until the close of Garfield's administration. In 1882 he removed to the village, since which time he has been employed in selling fertilizers and making frequent journeys to Manor, East and West Hempfield, Lancaster, Manheim and Norwich Townships, in which he has also the agency for Buchanan's wire fence. For twelve years Mr. Hershey served as a School Director, and is an active Republican. Religiously he is a member of the Church of God, in which he has been an Elder for over half a century.

December 23, 1847, Mr. Hershey married Annie, daughter of Jacob Manning, who was a carpenter in Washington Township. Mr. and Mrs. Hershey had born to them the following children, David

and Annie, who have passed away; Andrew; Laura; Henry, Mary, Sylvania, Jacob and Sarah, who are also deceased. Andrew has been foreman of the New Era printing office of Lancaster since it was organized fourteen years ago, and Henry is a cashier for George N. Steinman & Co., hardware dealers of Lancaster. Mrs. Hershey died May 12, 1894, aged seventy-two years.



**E**DWARD BOWMAN ILYUS, M. D., who is one of the able and leading medical practitioners of Lancaster, is a son of A. C. Ilyus, whose biography appears elsewhere in this volume, and who is one of the honored old settlers of this county. Dr. Edward Ilyus was born in Neffsville, this county, October 14, 1860, and passed his boyhood days in that locality, attending the public schools until fourteen years of age, when he entered Millersville Normal and pursued his studies there until the close of the junior year. For a time he then devoted himself to teaching, having a school for two terms, and commencing as a pedagogue at the early age of sixteen years.

The Doctor was only a youth of seventeen when he took up the study of medicine and had for his preceptor Dr. E. J. Bowman, a celebrated physician of Neffsville. In the fall of 1880 young Ilyus entered Jefferson Medical College, where he took the allotted course of study and was graduated March 30, 1882. Being a young man of much more than ordinary ability and possessed of a retentive memory and keen perceptions, he stood at the head of the class, which numbered two hundred and forty-seven members in the Department of Anatomy. Later he took a two years' extra course in operative surgery, receiving two diplomas therefor, and under the instruction of Dr. Shoemaker also made a special study of skin diseases.

On commencing his professional career Dr. Ilyus came to Lancaster, in 1882, and at the end of a year went to Macon, Ga., there remaining for a similar length of time, but on account of the ex-

treme heat during the summer season was obliged to return to the north. Accordingly he resumed his Lancaster practice in the fall of 1884, and has his office at No. 13 Walnut Street. While in Macon he was railway surgeon for the Eastern Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railroad, and also for the Georgia Central Railway. He had a large surgery practice in the south and has been very successful in general practice as well. For three years he has been a health officer and is identified with the Lancaster City and County Medical Societies, and when the Pathological Association was founded became its Secretary, which position he held for two years.

In January, 1884, Dr. Ilyus married Miss Rosa Burwell, the ceremony being performed in Philadelphia. Mrs. Ilyus was born in Franklin County, Va., being a daughter of Armistead L. Burwell, a tobacco manufacturer and a prominent Virginian. His father, General Burwell, had charge of a company in the Revolutionary War. The founder of the family in America was Maj. Lewis Burwell, who left England in 1640 to make a settlement in Virginia. In the line of descent from him was Major Nathaniel and his son, Armistead, who was President of the Council of Virginia. The son of the latter, Col. Lewis, married the daughter of Col. John and Mary Spottiswoode, the former of whom was archbishop of St. Andrews and a direct descendant of Governor Spottiswoode, of Virginia. Her great-grandfather brought the Magna Charta, established the Order of the Golden Horseshoe and located the first iron furnace to be put up in the United States in the Old Dominion. For his second wife Colonel Lewis Burwell married a cousin of ex-President William Henry Harrison, and their son John, the grandfather of Mrs. Ilyus, was born in 1776, and owned the beautiful plantation called Greenwood, situated in Franklin County, Va. Colonel Burwell equipped a regiment without receiving a cent from the Government and led them through the Revolutionary War. He was a very prominent man and was for fourteen years a member of the Virginia Legislature. The father of Mrs. Ilyus owned the beautiful plantation in Franklin County known as Waverly. For his wife he wedded Mary Elis

Bowlin, of an old and honorable family, whose ancestors came to this country from the borders of England and Scotland at the time of King James. By intermarriage the family was connected with seven signers of the Declaration of Independence. The wife of the Doctor attended school near her home and at a ladies' seminary in New Orleans. She was given the best advantages to be had, as her parents were very wealthy. Her father died in 1884, and his widow is still living at the old homestead. Dr. and Mrs. Ilyus have had two children, Mary Burwell, who died at the age of two years, and Edna Spottiswoode.

Dr. Ilyus is a member of the Frist Presbyterian Church, of which he is a Trustee, and formerly was Sunday-school Superintendent. Socially he belongs to the Knights of Malta, and has been Trustee in his lodge. He uses his right of franchise in favor of Republican nominees and principles, and is devoted to the welfare of the general public.



**A**UGUSTUS D. KILLIAN, the obliging agent for the Adams Express Company at Lancaster, was born in Lancaster in 1853, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Killian. The father was a tinner by trade, and his parents came from Scotland. He worked at his trade in Lancaster for a number of years, but later engaged in the manufacture of cigars, which he retailed on East Chestnut Street, and also dealt in leaf tobacco quite extensively. Politically he was a Republican, and stood high in every community in which he lived; he died in 1877. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Diehl, was born in Berks County, Pa., and there grew to womanhood. She is a member of the Church of God. Mr. and Mrs. John Killian were the parents of six children, five of whom are living, our subject being the third eldest.

Augustus D. attended the public schools at Lancaster and Yeates Institute, from which he was graduated when fifteen years of age; soon afterward

he received the appointment of messenger of the Adams Express Company, running between Lancaster, Columbia and Philadelphia, and making the round trip every twenty-four hours. He followed this for eight years and was considered one of the best messengers on the road. At the end of that period he was promoted to be agent of the same company at York, where he remained ten years, making a splendid official record.

A good business man is always in demand for official positions, hence it was that he served on the Council at York from the Third Ward, and held other important positions of public trust, being elected on the Republican ticket, notwithstanding the ward was strongly Democratic. After several years he was made route agent for the express company, with headquarters at Erie, and continued in that position two years, and upon his own request was made agent at Elmira, N.Y. There he remained one year, and was later called to the Lancaster office to take charge of the extensive express business at that point, which is the largest express office between Pittsburg and Philadelphia, and nine men are employed under him. Since his first appointment to an office with the company he has never been off from the pay roll. During his residence at York he was interested in all of the enterprises of that place, and was instrumental in building up the same.

Like most men possessing good sense, our subject took to himself a companion in 1876, in the person of Miss Patience Hinkle, to whom he was married at Columbia. Mrs. Killian is a native of that city, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kinkle, who are retired farmers. Two children have been born of this union: Guy, a graduate of the high school in the Class of '94, and Marion. Mr. Killian is an acceptable member of the Masonic order, belonging to Columbia Lodge No. 286, F. & A. M. Believing the principles of the Republican party are calculated to best advance the interests of the age in which he lives, he is identified with it. Mrs. Killian is an exemplary member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

For a man but forty years of age our subject has made an enviable reputation. Beginning his active life at an early age, and choosing a calling for

which he was by nature gifted, he steadily pursued the same to the satisfaction of those for whom he labored. He has been constantly in the employ of the Adams Express Company since September 10, 1868, when he began as a messenger, and in each position proved himself worthy of promotion.

while her husband was affiliated with the Presbyterian denomination. Her father, William Bell, emigrated from the North of Ireland to Dauphin County, where he engaged in farming. During the War of 1812, in which he was a soldier, he died at Black Rock, on Lake Erie.

Our subject is one of six sons who grew to maturity. He and all of his brothers were in the war at one time and during the same period their mother was Postmistress at Bainbridge. William, the eldest, who now lives in Havana, Ill., went into the service on the emergency call in 1863; James was a member of the Forty-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry and died in Bainbridge in 1873; John was a member of the First Pennsylvania Infantry; Frank belonged to the One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Infantry; and Burt enlisted on the emergency call in 1863.

**J** G. GALBRAITH is one of the largest contractors for artificial stone, granolithic and asphaltum block pavement in Lancaster and gives employment to large forces of men. His home has been made in this city for only about seven years, but he has built up a large trade and has had as many contracts on hand as he could well undertake at all times. He is enterprising and liberal and a thoroughly public-spirited citizen.

The boyhood of J. G. Galbraith was passed in Bainbridge, and when he was only nine years old he commenced as towboy on the Pennsylvania Canal. Afterward he learned the machinist's trade in Harrisburg. April 19, 1861, on the first tap of the drum, he offered his services to the Union and was enlisted as a member of Company A, Tenth Pennsylvania Infantry, for three months' service. He was mustered out in July, and in November, 1862, re-enlisted, being assigned to Company A, One Hundred and Seventy-third Regiment. He participated in the battle of Gettysburg and for a long period was stationed in the Dismal Swamp. Once again, in 1864, he returned to the ranks as Second Lieutenant of Company H, One Hundred and Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry, and served until the close of the war, his final mustering out taking place in January, 1866.

Mr. Galbraith was born in Marietta, Lancaster County, July 28, 1839, being a grandson of Hon. B. Galbraith, who was born in Lancaster in 1735 and was one of the most noted citizens of the place at that early day. During the Revolutionary War he mustered in troops from Lancaster in the official capacity of Marshal. He represented this district in the First Pennsylvania Legislature held in Philadelphia, and was one of the originators of the bill introduced into the House for abolishing slavery in Pennsylvania. He was one of three brothers who owned farms on Catasauqua Creek and also operated a mill. During the trouble at Valley Forge they gave two hundred barrels of flour to the troops. Their father was a Presbyterian, who came to this locality from Edinburg, Scotland, by way of Ireland, where he resided for a short time in the northern part of the country. Hon. Mr. Galbraith died in 1804 after his long and patriotic career. His son, our subject's father, who bore the same Christian name, was born in this city and died in 1848, at the age of forty-four years. He learned his trade of cabinet-maker in Harrisburg, and followed that occupation for some years in Bainbridge. He married Elizabeth Bell, who was born in Dauphin County, and whose death occurred in 1889, when in her eightieth year. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church,

Returning to Bainbridge, Mr. Galbraith purchased a boat plying on the canal and carrying coal and lumber between Wilkes Barre and Baltimore. When in partnership with his brother they lost the boat "Adolphus" owned by John Galbraith. His own boat, of which he was Captain for four years, was called "The Virtue." He turned his attention to the paving business, being foreman for a paving company in Philadelphia for sixteen years, having the entire working management of the business and often as many as sixty

men under his supervision. With the practical experience thus gained he concluded to start in business for himself in the same line, and in 1887, carrying out this idea, he came to Lancaster. The fine quality of cement which he uses in his business is imported from Belgium, the sand is obtained at Cape May, the asphaltum from Trinidad, South America, and the granite from Point Deposit. He employs about thirty men during the busy season and gives his personal supervision to the work.

In Bainbridge Mr. Galbraith was married in 1867 to Mary, daughter of John Filbert, a hotel man. Mrs. Galbraith was born at Shamokin Dam, Snyder County, Pa., and departed this life in Philadelphia in 1886. Of her five children William and Mary are deceased, and the others are Emily, a graduate of the Philadelphia High School; Charles, who was graduated from the same institution and is a mechanic; and Annie, who lives at home.

Mr. Galbraith is a stockholder in the *Morning News* Company, and owns stock in mines and other industries. His own residence is finely improved and a most desirable home. Socially he belongs to Lamberton Lodge No. 62, F. & A. M., is a Royal Arch Mason and Past Grand in the Odd Fellows' society. In addition to those mentioned he is connected with the Order of Elks and with George H. Thomas Post No. 84, G. A. R. Politically he is a Republican of the truest and best sense. In his religious belief he is a Methodist, belonging to the Lancaster congregation.



**W**ILLIAM HENRY H. KINZER owns a portion of the old homestead near New Holland in East Earl Township, which has been handed down from father to son for several generations. He also has made a specialty in dealing in cattle and hogs, and has made a financial success of this business. For eighteen years past he has been interested in the lumber business at Poplar Bluffs, Mo., where the company to which he belongs owns six thousand acres of timber land,

and is capitalized at \$100,000. This is an immense concern, and some five million feet of lumber are its output each year, thus giving employment to one hundred and fifty hands the year round.

The Kinzers are of German origin, one Jacob Kinzer having left Nuremburg with a colony of Lutherans about 1730. He settled in Earl Township, Lancaster County, where he took up large tracts of land, the main part of which is still owned by his descendants. Of his family, Michael was our subject's great-grandfather, and he also carried on a farm near New Holland. His son, George, was the next in descent. He was born February 18, 1788, and died in 1834. He was a farmer, merchant and distiller. In 1800 he married Anna M. Ellmaker, and their eldest son was Amos S., our subject's father, who was born February 23, 1803, and died in September, 1876.

Amos S. Kinzer was educated partially at Lewis Boarding School in Chester County, this state. His first enterprise was as a hotel-keeper, and he built the house known as Blue Ball, at Blue Ball village. On the death of his father he returned to the homestead, and for a few years followed distilling as well as agriculture, but finally turned his attention exclusively to farming. In 1823 he went in company with Thomas Himes to St. Louis, Mo., on horseback, making an average of forty miles per day. St. Louis was then a French trading post with little promise of the future in store for it. The young men went to work in a saw-mill, but young Kinzer was taken sick with malarial fever, and at once returned home by way of Louisville. He was an active member of the Lutheran Church, and an anti-Mason. In politics he was a Whig, and a prominent man in his locality. He was twice married. January 23, 1827, he wedded Maria Himes, daughter of Thomas and Catherine Himes, of Salisbury Township, by whom he had three children: Catherine, who married Samuel High, of Lancaster; George H., who was lost with all on board the steamer "Golden Gate," July 27, 1862, while coming from San Francisco; and Theodore, a lumber merchant of Lancaster. His second marriage was with Elizabeth Hurst, the ceremony being celebrated September 15, 1836. To them were



born Anna M., who married Albert Mellvane, of Paradise Township; Annie E., deceased; William H. H., of this sketch; and Edwin A., who died in infancy. The father upon his demise was buried in the New Holland Lutheran Cemetery by the side of many of his ancestors. He was a noble type of the German-American citizen, possessed of generous and genial qualities.

William H. H. Kinzer was born in East Earl Township, on his present farm, October 24, 1840. His education was obtained in the Coatesville Seminary, and subsequently he taught school for five terms. He then returned to the home farm, where he has remained ever since. The place comprises one hundred and eighty acres, one-half of the original estate. This land was taken up by Hon. John W. Kitera, Congressman from this district, about 1750. July 9, 1863, our subject enlisted in Company K, Forty-seventh Pennsylvania Regiment, as a Sergeant, and was discharged on the 14th of the following August. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and is a stanch Republican. For three successive terms he has served as a School Director.

May 12, 1868, Mr. Kinzer married Emma, daughter of George Ruth, a farmer of Berks County, Pa. Their children are as follows: Amos S., William H., now attending the West Chester State Normal; Bessie, who died in 1886, aged six years; Sallie B., who died in infancy; and Marianna, now in her ninth year. Amos S., the eldest son, is now pursuing his studies in the Pennsylvania University, and will graduate in 1896 from the medical department. He formerly attended the West Chester State Normal School, and after leaving there, taught successfully for two terms in the home district and in Elizabeth Township.



**J**AMES H. WARNER, an architect residing in the city of Lancaster, has many monuments to his skill as a designer of beautiful buildings, but a more lasting record should be made for him, hence the following biographical notice: He was born in London in 1860, the son

of Col. William Warner, a native of Cambridge-shire; he was also a civil engineer and worked for the Government. He died in the service of his country in the year 1865. He was a young man at the time of his death and was Colonel of an engineering corps. Our subject's mother was born in Kent. He was the only member of his family who came to America. He was graduated from the City College of London and from the School of Design of South Kensington in 1882, and came to America the same year. He spent one year in New York City, and then visited Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago, remaining in the latter city three years. From there he went to Canada, and soon afterward returned to Buffalo, N. Y., and from that city to Harrisburg, practicing his profession. He had as partner a Mr. Smith, an architect at Reading and Harrisburg. In 1888 he removed to Lancaster and opened an office in the Eshleman Building, and has designed many buildings since his coming to Lancaster, including magnificent school buildings and fine residences.

Mr. Warner is an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., and is a Royal Arch Mason. Politically he is a Republican.



**J**OHN CHAMBERS. Years after a stone alone remains to tell the story of their lives, the memories of the war heroes will be cherished by the generations who follow them, and upon whose lives their valor has left a lasting impress. Lancaster County was well represented among the soldiers who defended the Stars and Stripes, and one of the number who did valiant service for the cause of the Union was Mr. Chambers, one of Lancaster's successful business men and honored citizens.

A native of the city where he now makes his home, the subject of this sketch was born August 20, 1841, the son of James and Anna Eliza (Dewart) Chambers. The family was established in

Pennsylvania many years ago. Our subject's father was born in Lancaster in 1814, and in early life followed the trade of a comb maker, but later filled the position of division boss on the Pennsylvania Railroad for thirty-six years. He died of cholera during the epidemic of that disease in Lancaster in 1866, being then forty-eight years of age. His wife survived until 1889, when she died, at the age of seventy years. In politics a Democrat, he was prominent in his party, and upon its ticket was elected to a number of local offices. He served as Superintendent of the City Water Works one term. He was a man held in high regard by his associates and was a devoted Christian, belonging to the Reformed Church. Socially he was a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., and Washington Encampment.

In the family of James and Ann Eliza Chambers there were eight children, as follows: John; Andrew, who since 1863 has been an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and is a resident of Philadelphia; Henry, who died at the age of one and one-half years; Charles, collector for the Pennsylvania Railroad; Margaret, who died at the age of two years; Maria, James and Harry. In the public and high schools of Lancaster our subject received a fair education. At the age of fifteen he left school and began to learn the printer's trade, but after one year's apprenticeship he secured a position as an employe in a comb factory. For a time he was with the Adams Express Company, and afterward learned the trade of coach building with Cox, Decker & Co., remaining with them four years.

At the first call for troops at the outbreak of the Rebellion, John Chambers enlisted with the old Fencible Military Band for three months' service in Company F, First Pennsylvania Infantry. Afterwards he enlisted for three years as a member of the Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania Infantry, and took part with his regiment in the battles of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Chattanooga and Bentonville, as well as many minor engagements. For two years he was with the Seventy-ninth, and after a total period of service of two years and four months was mustered out at Harrisburg, Pa.

On his return home Mr. Chambers resumed work

at his trade. Some time later he entered into partnership as a member of the firm of McGinnis, Chambers & Co., at Carlisle, Pa., where he remained one year. Returning to Lancaster, he worked for six years in the employ of Stigerwalt & Doerson, after which he was for three years a member of the firm of Edgerly & Co. He was then foreman in the paint shop of Norbeck & Miley, holding that position twelve years. In 1889 he started in business with L. C. Palmer, under the firm title of Chambers & Palmer, which is well known as one of the most reliable firms of the county. They occupy a two-story building at Nos. 616 to 620 East King Street, Lancaster, where they have a factory, 60x30 feet in dimensions, with an addition 20x30. As many as eighteen men are at times employed, and the products of the factory are of uniform grade and superior quality.

In social matters Mr. Chambers belongs to Lancaster Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., and Washington Encampment. He also affiliates with the Knights of the Mystic Chain, holding membership with Stevens' Castle Lodge No. 4. Politically he is a Democrat. In religious belief he advocates the doctrines of the Reformed Church. In 1864 he was united in marriage with Miss Cecelia Hagg, and they are the parents of seven children, namely: Emma; James, who is foreman in the wagon shops at Reading; Charles, who lives in Jersey City; William, who died in 1890; Daisy, John and Ann Eliza.



ALLEN W. MENTZER, engaged in the manufacture of cigars at Ephrata, is a native of this county, having been born in West Cocalico Township, January 25, 1836. He is the son of John and Catherine (Weidman) Mentzer, also natives of this section, where they were highly respected. Catherine Mentzer was a daughter of Jacob Weidman, whose father's name was also Jacob, and who came from Wurtemberg, Germany.

Frederick Mentzer, the grandfather of our subject, was likewise a native of this county, where his father, who bore the name of Conrad, lived on

a farm, and was a man possessed of considerable means. Frederick Mentzer married Miss Elizabeth Schneider, and to them were born a son and daughter, the latter being named Susanna.

The father of our subject was also a farmer and dealt quite extensively in stock. He was born March 27, 1796, and spent his entire life on the old homestead in West Cocalico Township. In politics he was a Republican after the formation of the party. He was an Elder in the Lutheran Church, with which body he had been connected for many years. The four sons and two daughters comprising the parental family were: Levi; Israel, who died April 26, 1883, aged fifty-six years; John; Allen W.; Catherine, who died December 29, 1891, aged sixty-eight; and Elizabeth, who died in Akron, Ohio. The father died September 29, 1868, aged seventy-three years, and his good wife, who was born May 9, 1794, departed this life March 1, 1868, in her seventy-fourth year.

The original of this sketch attended the schools of his native township until he was fifteen years old, then took a short course at the Howard Academy, Chester County; afterward he took a course of instruction from Professor Montgomery, of Millersville, Pa., then taught school for two terms under Superintendent Wickersham. At the expiration of that time, at the age of nineteen, we find him located at Indiantown, this county, where he opened up a mercantile establishment, and after conducting a good trade for eight years purchased the stock and property of E. C. Kealing, of Schoeneck, continuing the two stores, and conducting the business successfully for four years, at the end of which time he sold out to Elias Stober, of Lincoln. He then moved to Millbach, Lebanon County, and purchased the farm of his father-in-law, Isaac Gibbel, and farmed for three years. He then rented the farm and purchased the interest of Isaac Bucher, of the firm of Bucher & Co., merchants of Schaefferstown, Pa., and moved to that point and conducted business under the firm name of Bucher & Mentzer for seven years. He then purchased the interest of Rev. Christian C. Bucher, his partner, and moved the stock of goods to Ephrata in April, 1878, where he purchased six acres of land, and erected thereon his large cigar

factory. It is built of brick, is 40x80 feet in dimensions, three stories in height and is fitted with all the improved appliances for carrying on his business in the most profitable and speedy manner. Mr. Mentzer gives employment to one hundred men in his factory and is at the head of the largest establishment of the kind in this section. One acre was devoted to an extensive coal yard and residence, the former being operated by the son of our subject, Milton. The remainder of the six acres was laid out in town lots and disposed of, and is all built up with residences and occupies three squares. He possesses much valuable property in the city and is regarded by its inhabitants as one of its most progressive and successful business men. Mr. Mentzer owns a farm of ninety-five acres in Middle Creek, this township, besides having a one-third interest in a tract of sixty acres adjoining the borough of Ephrata, fifteen of which have been laid out in city lots and sold. He is also interested in the Ephrata Flour Mills and in various ways has aided very materially in upbuilding the place and contributes liberally of his means to the support of every worthy enterprise.

In political relations our subject is a staunch Republican and on that ticket was elected a member of the Town Council. In religious affairs he is a devoted member of the German Baptist Church, with which he has been connected for many years. Mr. Mentzer was married November 5, 1857, to Miss Fianna Gibbel, and to them have been granted the following named children: Sallie A., John F., Hiram G., Milton G., Ida G. and Isaac G.

For thirty-eight years Mr. Mentzer has been in the mercantile business, sixteen of which have been passed in this city. He first commenced business here in 1878 in the building formerly owned and operated by John Gross and purchased the same together with the six acres of land in 1882, and erected the mammoth store building on the corner of Main and State Streets, now occupied by A. W. Mentzer & Sons in 1888. They carry a large and extensive stock of general merchandise, the first and second floors being occupied by the stock, while the third floor is used as a public hall. The store building is of the latest design, is heated throughout with steam and has all the modern

improvements, and is one of the most extensive stores in the county. The firm operating this enterprise is composed of A. W. Mentzer, Dr. John F. and Hiram G., under the style of A. W. Mentzer & Sons.



**F**REDERICK K. HEISE. In noting the careers of the men to whom the county is indebted for its progress and its high standing among the galaxy of counties of the Keystone State, mention properly belongs to the gentleman above-named, who is a successful and energetic business man of Mountville. His entire life has been passed within Pennsylvania, and he was born in Clearfield County on the 23d of April, 1838, being a member of the family of George W. and Mary (Jury) Heise.

The father of our subject was born in Union County, Pa., in 1810, and in youth received excellent educational advantages considering the times. He availed himself of every opportunity for gaining information and was well posted upon every topic of current interest. For a time he clerked in a store, but his principal occupation throughout life was that of an agriculturist. He was thus occupied in West Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, whence he removed to Macon County, Ill., and there his death occurred in May, 1882, aged seventy-two years. He was a man whose upright character and genial disposition won for him the friendship and respect of his associates, and was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he affiliated with the Republican party, and socially belonged to the Masonic fraternity.

Twice married, George W. Heise had two children, Henry C. and Patience, by his first union. After the death of his first wife he was united with Miss Mary Jury, and they became the parents of the following named children: Elizabeth, Frederick K., Josephine B., Mary Jane, Amelia B., Esther, Anna, Mary, Samuel B. and George, the latter a resident of Nebraska. Samuel B. died at an early

age. The subject of this article spent the first fourteen years of his life in Clearfield County, whence he removed with his father to West Hempfield Township, Lancaster County. He remained with his father until thirty-five years of age, when he embarked in the meat business and has since been thus engaged in Mountville, this county.

Taking an active interest in public affairs, Mr. Heise deposits his ballot in support of the principles and candidates of the Republican party. Socially he is identified with the Masonic fraternity and the Order of Red Men. His marriage, December 3, 1865, united him with Miss Elizabeth B., daughter of Rudolph Herr. Four children have been born to bless their union, named as follows: Anna Mary, wife of John C. Amway, who resides in Mountville; Grant R., whose home is in Topeka, Kan.; Ella B., who is with her parents; and Amy, deceased. The family is held in high esteem by the citizens of Mountville, and are welcomed guests in the best society of the place.



**H**S. SHIRK is well known in Lancaster as a member of the firm of H. S. Shirk & Son, proprietors of a cotton mill on Pine Street, which affords employment to about one hundred hands, and is one of the thriving industries of this place. Mr. Shirk is also engaged in a wholesale and retail trade in cigars, and has money invested in various concerns.

The Shirk family originated in Germany, and our subject's grandfather was a farmer near Churchtown, Lancaster County. He served for one term as County Commissioner and was a Federalist. He died in 1844, aged eighty years. His family comprised five sons and two daughters, namely: Amelia, Maggie, Henry, William, David, Mathias and Jacob. The latter, the father of H. S. Shirk, was born in Churchtown, and learned the tanner's trade. For a number of years he operated a tannery at Hahnstown, in this county, and later removed to Earl Township. Going back to Churchtown, he lived retired from business for a number

of years, afterwards engaged in farming near Beartown. He was for a time a resident of Mt. Joy, and passed his last years in this city, dying at the home of his son. He was a Whig and Republican, and religiously was, like his father, a member of the Reformed Church. For his wife he chose Miss Hannah Waddell, and they had eight children. The father died when in his eighty-fifth year, but his wife's death occurred many years ago, when she was sixty-five years of age. Their children were as follows: H. S.; Sarah, wife of Isaac Shirk, of this city; Martha E. (Mrs. Stirk), who lives in Iowa; Penina A. (Mrs. Robinson); Mary, wife of Abram Culp, of Mt. Joy; George W., who died in childhood; another also deceased, and William A., of Princeton, Stark County, Iowa.

The birth of our subject occurred on the 20th of February, 1826, in New Holland, this county. He received a district school education and attended those of Churchtown until fifteen years of age. The next two years he clerked for merchants in various places, and then went into business with a Mr. Masterson at Mt. Joy. He continued there for eight years and then went to Millersville, where for a number of years he carried on the cigar business.

Mr. Shirk came to Lancaster, and in company with his brother-in-law, J. G. Peters, bought the Conestoga cotton mill No. 4, which they operated for a year. They then erected what is now known as Stevens' Cotton Mill, in the year 1879, and continued to run the same for the next five years. Mr. Shirk then bought out his partner's interest and took into the firm his two sons, Jacob and Abram. The mill has a capacity of thirty-five hundred pounds of goods per day; eight thousand spindles are kept running, and about one hundred persons are employed. The factory has a frontage of two hundred and fifty feet on Pine Street and extends back fifty feet in depth. The building is a substantial one of brick, and has an annex, stables and warehouse. On first coming to Lancaster, Mr. Shirk engaged in manufacturing and selling carpets on West King and Water Streets, and was succeeded in that business by the well known merchant, J. B. Martin.

The wife of Mr. Shirk was, before her marriage,

Miss Mary A., daughter of Abram Peters. They have had two sons and three daughters, as follows: Laura, Mrs. John Martin; Aliee, wife of Samuel Bausman; Anna, who died when young, and Abram and Jacob, twins, who are partners with their father.

Religiously Mr. Shirk holds membership with the First Reformed Church of Lancaster, in which he has served as Elder for twelve years. He is a Republican and a member of the Masonic fraternity, being identified with Lancaster Lodge, No. 43, F. & A. M.



**L**EROY K. LESLIE, M. D. The subject of the following sketch is one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Bareville. He was born in Muddy Creek, Lancaster County, July 2, 1861, to John and Susan (Killian) Leslie. The Leslies are of German origin, the great-great-grandfather of our subject having emigrated from that country to America many years ago and made location in this county.

Samuel Leslie, the grandfather of Leroy K., was also a native of Muddy Creek, where he was a blacksmith. He was a member of the Evangelical Church and voted the Democratic ticket. By his marriage he became the father of five children: John, Solomon, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Lydia. The father of these children lived to be eighty-two years of age and died Christmas Day, 1889.

John Leslie, the father of our subject, was a native of the same place as was Leroy K., and, like his father before him, followed the trade of a blacksmith, doing an extensive business in his native place. In 1859 he was married to Miss Susan, daughter of Rudolph Killian, a resident of Terry Hill. Their union resulted in the birth of two sons, our subject and Henry, the latter of whom is a hardware clerk in Goodville. The husband and father departed this life in 1865, and ten years thereafter his widow married John Remminger, a manufacturer of cigars, residing at Terry Hill.

Leroy K. Leslie, of this sketch, received his primary education in the common schools, after which

he attended the Millersville State Normal. Desirous of becoming a physician, he began reading medicine with Dr. Richard Sweitzer, of Adamstown, and the following year entered the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, from which he was graduated two years later. In June, 1889, he came to Bareville, where he has a very large number of enthusiastic admirers, who not only depend upon his skill as a physician, but also cherish him as a close and dear friend.

Dr. Leslie is a member of the Lancaster County Medical Society, and also is connected with the State Medical Society. He is an Odd Fellow of high standing, holding membership with Terry Hill Lodge No. 254, and Washington Encampment No. 274, at the same place. He belongs to the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of which order he is President. In politics the Doctor is an ardent admirer of Republican principles and seeks to support the candidates of that party at every election.

Dr. L. K. Leslie and Miss Ida, daughter of Benjamin Landis, were united in marriage November 13, 1890. Mrs. Leslie comes of an old and prominent family in the county, and her father is now conducting a farm near Bareville. Both the Doctor and his wife are well known people of this community, where they have many friends. The former is esteemed highly for his sterling worth, and among his professional brethren ranks high.



**H**ON. ROBERT CLARK, formerly Mayor of Lancaster, and at present filling the responsible position of Assistant Coiner of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, is a truly self-made man, for he has worked his way upward to influence and wealth by his own unassisted and industrious efforts. The birth of Robert Clark occurred in Drumore Township, this county, December 15, 1852, his father being Edward Clark, a native of County Donegal, Ireland. The latter emigrated to this country when a young man, and during his entire active career was engaged in

farming in Drumore Township, but is now living retired. His wife, now deceased, was in maidenhood Anna Stewart, and was born in the same county in Ireland as her husband, coming from an old Scotch family. The parents were members of the Scotch Presbyterian Church.

In the parental family of five children, our subject is the eldest, and until about fifteen years of age his time was passed on his father's farm, his education being obtained in the district schools and the local academy. In 1867 he came to this city, serving an apprenticeship as a printer in the *Intelligencer* office, where he continued for four years. Thereafter for a time he engaged in clerking, and when he was elected Mayor Mr. Clark became business manager of the concern, serving as such for two years.

When W. N. Henchel retired from the firm, Mr. Clark became a partner under the name of Ryley & Clark. Later the firm was known as Sherman, Foley & Clark, and they continued successfully until our subject was elected Mayor, when he sold out his interest in the paper. In the spring of 1890 he was nominated as Mayor on the Democratic ticket, and was elected over Captain Denues, the Republican nominee, by a majority of two hundred and thirty votes. In April of that year he took his post, and two years later was renominated, being elected by a majority of sixteen hundred and fifty-four votes over the Republican leader, Henry Carpenter. His election was unanimous every time, and during his term many improvements were effected, among others the Electric Street Railway system and the Police Patrol, something unusual for a place of this size. The new water works were completed, with a capacity of fifteen million gallons, and fine machinery and pumps added. The fire department was improved and increased, and the condition of streets and alleys materially benefited. Mr. Clark was ex-officio Chairman of the Water Committee, and Chairman of the Buchanan, McElvoy, Reynold Relief Company, for the distribution of coal to the needy, over six hundred families having been supplied.

In Lancaster Mr. Clark married Miss Sallie Fitzpatrick, a native of this city, who died, leaving one child, Philip Edwards. She was a member of

St. Mary's Catholic Church, and daughter of the late Philip Fitzpatrick, an early settler and hotel man of this place.

Fraternally our subject is a member of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., of Chapter No. 43, R. A. M., the Council of Lancaster and the Commandery No. 13, K. T. He belongs to Lodge of Perfection Fourteenth Degree Scottish Rite, and is a Mystic Shriner, belonging to Lee Lee Temple. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is affiliated with Can-as-sa-te-go Tribe of Red Men. For three terms he officiated as Notary Public, and has been in many ways, both public and private other than those mentioned, connected with the active progress of this city.



GUSTAVUS GROEZINGER has been long accounted one of the successful and aggressive business men of Lancaster. He is Director in the Citizens' Electric Light, Heat & Power Company, in the Lancaster Chemical Company and holds stock in several of the leading banks and large financial concerns of the city and county. In a great many ways he has shown his substantial interest in the welfare and development of this region, having forwarded many enterprises both by his means and influence. Having acquired sufficient means to enable him and his family to pass life pleasantly and happily, surrounded with comforts and many luxuries, he has now retired from business cares, though still looking after his various investments.

Our subject, as might be surmised from his name, is of German descent, and a scion of one of those families who settled in this portion of Pennsylvania in its early history and contributed so largely to its present prosperity. John Groezinger, the father of Gustavus, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and was a tanner by trade. His death occurred in 1841, and his wife, who was formerly Barbara Vogelweyd, also of Germany, died in

1841. They were members of the Lutheran denomination, and reared their nine children to be good and useful men and women. Gustavus Groezinger was born in Wurtemberg, May 29, 1835, being the youngest of the family, only six of whom are now living. Our subject was early deprived of his parents' care, as death claimed them, but he managed to secure a good common school education, and when fourteen years old was apprenticed as a wool weaver.

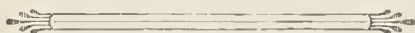
A brother of our subject, Fred, was the first of the family who came to America; was a carpet weaver and located in Philadelphia. Next came Robert, who was for four years in the regular army, and was a surveyor. His death occurred at Columbia in 1867. Our subject, in company with his brother Adolphus, who is now retired from business and a resident of Lancaster, left Antwerp March 3, 1851, on the sailing-vessel "Helicon," and at the end of fifty-three days' voyage, landed in New York City. Another brother, Charles, who came across the Atlantic still later, is now in San Francisco, one of her influential citizens and Vice-President of a gold mine.

Soon after his arrival in the United States Mr. Groezinger, of this sketch, came to Lancaster, where for six weeks he worked in the cotton mills. He then undertook to learn the saddler's trade with Mr. Metzger, and afterward worked at the tanner's trade in Baltimore for two years; subsequently he worked in Adams and York Counties, then returning to Lancaster, and here accepted the position as foreman in the tannery owned by Mrs. Telly. Later he bought a one-half interest in this concern, and in 1869 became the owner of the old tannery site then in the possession of Reuben Dadler, and continued the business, which had been started in 1850 by James Hollinger. This place our subject remodeled, but in 1835 the building was burned, and the proprietor rebuilt it as it now stands, some 130x134 feet in dimensions. Steam power was used and three hundred hides could be tanned each week. The leather products were shipped to New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, and the business constantly grew in proportion, twenty-five men being often employed. In 1891 our subject retired from the business, selling out

to his three sons, John, Carl and Robert, who are now carrying on the trade.

The Lancaster Electric Light, Heat & Power Company, of which our subject is a Director, and of which he was one of the founders, is one of the finest systems in the United States, and he lent his assistance in the supervision of the erection of the same. He is also one of the organizers and stockholders in the Lancaster Chemical Company, and in the Mt. Lewis Mining and Milling Company, the headquarters of which are in this city, while the mines are in LaPlatte County, Colo. This gentleman is a stockholder in the People's Bank and in the People's Trust, Savings & Deposit Company, and in various other enterprises. Socially he is a Mason, being one of the Trustees and members of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.; of Chapter No. 43, R. A. M.; Council No. 19, Commandery No. 13, K. T.; Lodge of Perfection and is a Knight of Pythias. In politics he votes with the Democratic party.

In 1861 Mr. Groezinger married Miss Catherine Long, who was born in this city, and they have six children: John, Mary, Charles, Robert, Barbara and Theodore. The three eldest sons are engaged in the tannery business, as previously mentioned, and the youngest son is now attending Professor Knipp's Institute in Baltimore. The family residence is a pleasant place on Marietta Avenue, and they are Lutherans in religious faith.



**J**OHAN A. COYLE. This well known and prominent lawyer of Lancaster, besides carrying on a large general practice, is interested in real estate in the city. He is a member of the Real Estate and Improvement Company, which was organized in 1892, and which up to the present time has erected many residences in the city.

Our subject is the son of James and Anna (Rockafeld) Coyle, and was born in the city of Lancaster on the 23d of April, 1854. James Coyle, his grandfather, came to this country from Ireland prior to the year 1800 and located in Lancaster, when a single man. There he engaged in the

hotel business and became very prominent. He was a Catholic in religion, and in politics a member of the Democratic party. The three children of whom he became the father were: Dennis; Margaret, who married a Mr. Fitzpatrick, a prominent railroad contractor of this city, and James.

James Coyle, father of our subject, being orphaned by the death of his parents, when a lad was thrown upon his own resources and began learning the trade of a shoemaker, which business he followed during the greater part of his life. He was a very successful business man and owned a large shoe store in Lancaster, among whose merchants he was regarded as an upright and thoroughly honest man. He also dealt extensively in real estate and built many of the best business blocks in the city, among them being the Williams & Foster Building. He was connected by membership with St. Mary's Lutheran Church, and although a Democrat in politics, voted for Abraham Lincoln for President.

The father of our subject was three times married. By his first wife there were born two children, James and Anna, who are now deceased. His second union, which was with the mother of our subject, resulted in the birth of the following children: John A., Catherine M., Walter J., Ella and two who died in infancy. Mrs. Coyle died in September, 1866, while her husband survived until February 17, 1871, when he too passed away.

The subject of this sketch first attended the public and private schools of his native city, after which he entered Seton Hall College in New Jersey, from which he was graduated with the Class of '77. He then entered the office of William Aug Atlee, a prominent lawyer, under whose instruction he carried on his law studies until admitted to the Bar to practice June 30, 1880. Mr. Coyle remained with his instructor for the succeeding three years, when, in 1883, he opened an office in Lancaster, where he has been engaged in business ever since. He is looked upon as one of the most able lawyers in the state, and as a business man his superior is hard to find.

In 1892, in connection with Dr. L. M. Herr and John W. Hiemens, Mr. Coyle organized the Real Estate and Improvement Company and purchased



the Kelly farm at a cost of \$75,000, and divided it into city lots, the most of which they have improved. The Hubley Manufacturing Company, which is one of the leading industries in the city, is located upon this addition to the city, as are also many other leading enterprises and numerous residences. Mr. Coyle is also President of the Street Railway of Lancaster, and during his incumbency of the office electricity has taken the place of horse power. He was also instrumental in the establishment of the Columbia & Lancaster Railroad, of which he was President until his resignation. He is a Director of the Columbia & Donegal Street Railway and also of the Columbia & Ironville Railway. Mr. Coyle is a liberal contributor toward every worthy enterprise having for its object the improvement of the city, and many establishments in this section are indebted to him for encouragement and material aid. He was one of the organizers of the Conestoga National Bank, and it was through his influence that this institution was consolidated with the bank of Reed & McGrain, thus making one of the strongest banks in the country. Our subject is Director of this bank and is also its solicitor. He was the chief promoter of the Home Building & Loan Association and remains one of its Directors at the present time. It was mainly through his influence that the Eastern Market was established here, and he has been solicitor for this company and also the Southern Market for many years.

Mr. Coyle was counsel for defense in the celebrated case of John W. Rudy for the murder of his father in 1887, and secured a sentence of imprisonment for life. Mr. Coyle has always taken an active part in politics and never fails to cast a vote for Democratic candidates. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and belongs to the following societies of that body: St. Bernard, St. Michael, St. Peter, St. Anthony and Knights of St. John. He has been President of these various associations and aided in the organization of many of them. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's Orphan Asylum and for a number of years was Secretary of the same.

John A. Coyle and Miss Ida F., daughter of Col. F. B. Spearman, of Coatesville, were united in

marriage in 1883. The two children born of their union are: John A., who died in infancy, and Janet S. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Adam Rockafeld, was a farmer by occupation, in which industry he was very successful. He lived to be eighty-three years of age, and his good wife, who still survives him, is in her eighty-sixth year. The seven children resulting from his marriage with Miss Catherine Shenk were Catherine, Martha, Rachel, Hettie, Emma, Abram and Dr. Adam, a prominent physician residing in Logansport, Ind.

John A. Coyle is the present Democratic nominee for Congress, and being a very popular and influential man, it is almost safe to say that he will be elected.



**J** FRANK BUCH is editor of the *Lititz Record*, a paper which he started in the fall of 1877, and which bears a wide reputation as a journal of merit and reliability. It started its existence as a six column folio and twice since it has been found necessary to enlarge it. It now appears as an eight column paper, and in workmanship and general style it compares favorably with any local paper in the state. In politics it is independent, aims to give a brief and exact resume of the news, and pays particular attention to local affairs of interest. The circulation of the *Record* has constantly increased from the first and it now has a weekly subscription list of fifteen hundred and over.

J. Frank Buch is the son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Mengle) Buch, and his birth occurred in Warwick, a village near Lititz, February 16, 1852. His father was born in Warwick Township in 1827, and has followed the calling of a merchant tailor in this village for many years. In politics he votes with the Democratic party, and his personal worth and ability are highly thought of by his many friends. In 1849 he married Miss Elizabeth, daughter of John Mengle, a shoemaker of Manheim, and of

their marriage two sons and one daughter were born. Amanda is the wife of A. K. Hornberger, of West Earl, Pa., and Walter is a clothier in this place. The mother of our subject is a member of the Moravian Church. The paternal grandfather of our subject was born in Warwick Township, of this county, and is a descendant of German ancestors.

The early education of J. Frank Buch was obtained in the public schools in the neighborhood of his father's home, and in the Lititz Academy. After completing his course of study in the latter institution he commenced learning the printer's trade in the office of the Lancaster *Intelligencer*, where he remained for three and a-half years, becoming familiar with the various departments of the business. Subsequently going to Philadelphia, he obtained employment in a printing office of that city, and for four and a-half successive years devoted himself to the acquisition of further knowledge of his chosen trade. Then returning to Lititz in 1876, he started a job printing office and succeeded so well in his undertaking that in the fall of the following year he determined to branch out more extensively, and being ambitious of publishing a newspaper, he started the *Lititz Record*, as formerly stated, and has met with a gratifying success in this direction.

The marriage of Mr. Buch was celebrated March 10, 1881, with Miss Mary E., daughter of Valentine Brobst, of Rehrersburg, Berks County, this state, who has been a justice of the peace for a quarter of a century. To our subject and his worthy wife have been born four children: Edith May, Ralph, Theodore and Mary Esther.

Fraternaly Mr. Buch is a member of the Lititz Lodge No. 253, K. of P., and in his political relations he is a Democrat. Having been much interested in the cause of education, he has served as a member of the School Board, and still occupies that position and is also a member of the Lititz Spring Committee, of which he has been Treasurer for a period of ten years. In religious faith he follows the teachings of his mother and is identified with the Moravian denomination. In his personal character he has always manifested a high

sense of honor and integrity, which qualities have won for him the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens.



**S**AMUEL W. MILLER, M. D., is a promising young physician, and now occupies the important post of Medical Superintendent of the Lancaster County Hospital and Asylum. He was appointed to serve in that capacity on the 1st of January, 1893, and though he is a very young man to occupy a place requiring such good judgment and unusual ability, he is thoroughly competent, and his record as a medical man has entitled him to this honor and trust.

The subject of this sketch was born in this city April 2, 1871. He is a son of David Miller, a well known business man of this city, who is also of Lancaster County birth. The paternal grandfather, Samuel Miller, formerly carried on a farm in Lancaster Township, adjoining the city. David Miller was a painter by trade, later became a contract painter, and is now one of the foremen in a cotton mill here. During the Civil conflict he served for a short time, but his family and business cares prevented any further absence. He was married to Catherine Kautz, a native of this county, whose death occurred in 1891. Of their ten children who grew to manhood and womanhood, Dr. S. W. is the seventh in order of birth.

The early life of our subject passed without incident worthy of particular mention, and his education was obtained in the excellent grammar and high schools of this city. In 1888 he graduated from the high school and soon afterwards entered for a special course of one year in the Franklin and Marshall College. On taking up the pursuit of medicine he commenced his studies with Dr. M. L. Herr, and in 1889 entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which three years later he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He practiced for a short time as a general physician in Lancaster, being then appointed, in January, 1893, to the position of Medical Director of the Alms House

and Insane Asylum of the county by the Board of Poor Directors. He has under his charge about one hundred patients in the Insane Asylum and nearly that number in the Hospital.

Dr. Miller is a hard and earnest student, and is making a specialty of nervous diseases. He belongs to the City Pathological Society, and the County Medical Association, being Treasurer of the former. Likewise he is a member of one of the surgical societies of Philadelphia, and of the Alumni of his Alma Mater. The capacity of the Hospital and Asylum is often taxed to the utmost, and since he has been Medical Superintendent there have been as high as three hundred and twenty patients in the two buildings, and though the Doctor has as assistants and consulting physicians several leading doctors of the place, he personally supervises all departments of his work. In politics he uses the right of franchise in favor of the platform of the Republican party and its nominees.



**D** C. DENNEY occupies the responsible position of Superintendent of the Columbia Rolling Mills, with whose interests he is thoroughly identified. He is the son of John Q. and Rachel Denney, and was born September 25, 1857, in this city. Samuel Denney, the grandfather of our subject, was a resident during the earlier years of his life in the southern portion of Chester County, this state. He was a millwright by trade and a man possessed of much natural ability in that line of work. He was very successful in all his undertakings and was enabled to spend his declining years free from work of any kind in a comfortable home. In politics he was a Republican after the formation of the party, and in religious matters was connected with the Society of Friends. He married Miss Edith Dubree, of French origin, and to them was born a family of seven children.

John Q. Denney, father of our subject, was a native of Salisbury Township, Lancaster County, and

after acquiring a fair education in the public schools of his native place he entered his father's shops, remaining with him until he attained his majority, when we find him located in Columbia. His first employment here was with John Boughman, a machinist, conducting a general repairing business. Young Denney was soon given charge of the establishment and managed affairs in a most satisfactory manner until leaving Mr. Boughman in order to enter the employ of the Chestnut Hill Iron Ore Company of this city, of which he was made the Superintendent. He remained with this concern for some time and then became connected with the Shaul Mill as Superintendent. Later he interested himself with the Henry Clay Furnace Company of Columbia, in which he held stock and with which he was associated until 1872.

That year, disposing of his interest in the furnaces, Mr. Denney went to Harrisburg, where he built the Paxton Rolling Mills for the McCormick Company, of which he was made Superintendent, and has remained with the concern ever since. It is one of the largest rolling mills in the state and does an immense business throughout the country. John Q. Denney is one of the prominent and wealthy residents of this part of Pennsylvania and besides the above business is President of the Columbia Rolling Mills, occupies the same position in the rolling mill of Steacy & Denney at York, this state, and is also President of the Street Railway Company at Harrisburg. He is a practical iron man and is regarded as one of the most prosperous manufacturers of all kinds of iron work in Pennsylvania.

In his political relations the father of our subject is a staunch Republican, but aside from casting his vote for its candidates does not take any public part in politics. He is the father of six children, of whom our subject is the eldest. The others bear the respective names of Edith, the wife of J. C. Whittaker; Franklin and Cora, deceased; James M., chief engineer of the Harrisburg Street Railway shops, and Thomas H., who is clerk in the Paxton Rolling Mills in York.

The original of this sketch received a good education in the private schools of his native city and when eighteen years of age became connected

with the Paxton Rolling Mills as timekeeper. He was afterward promoted to the position of manager of the same plant, and when returning to Columbia was made Superintendent of the Columbia Rolling Mills, which position he has held for the past eight years. They employ three hundred men in the mill and handle fifteen thousand tons of iron every year.

Following in the footsteps of his honored father, our subject votes the Republican ticket. He is connected by membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he is serving at the present time as Steward. His marriage was celebrated with Miss Clara Patton, June 7, 1878. The lady is the daughter of Gen. William Patton, of this city, and one of its most distinguished residents. To our subject and his estimable wife has been born a son, John D.



**J**OSEPH S. HARNISH is one of the progressive agriculturists of Conestoga Township, and in this community has passed his entire life. For some years in his early manhood he was in business with his father as a lumber dealer, but his principal calling has been that of farming, and in this he has been blessed with success.

The paternal grandfather of Joseph Harnish bore the same Christian name, and he too followed the life of a farmer. In politics he was a Whig and in his religious faith was identified with the old Mennonite Church. Upon arriving at man's estate he married Prudence Good, and to them were born four children that attained mature years. One of the number, Samuel, was born November 12, 1816, in Martie Township, and in early life was engaged in the hotel business. Later, relinquishing that occupation, he embarked in the lumber trade and followed that business until he re-

tired from active cares. He was a very prominent man in financial, political and religious circles and when he was called from this life, March 5, 1894, it was felt to be a public loss. He was one of the charter members of the Odd Fellows' Lodge known as Kosciusko. Though he was for years an active Republican he was always a strong temperance man, and during his last years affiliated with the Prohibition party. Several times his name came before the convention for the office of Director for the County Poor, but it was never his desire to serve in a public capacity. In the Methodist Episcopal Church he was a Trustee and was also associated with the camp-meeting organization. He married Delilah Shank, and to them were born seven children: Mary; Prudence, deceased; Henry, who has also passed from this life; Joseph S.; Milton, Jonas and Delilah, deceased.

The birth of Joseph S. Harnish occurred in this township October 22, 1849, and his education was derived from the schools of River Hill, which he attended until reaching his sixteenth year. Subsequently he took a course of six months at the Millersville Normal, and with that exception he has since acquired his wide knowledge of men and affairs through his own private study. When only seventeen years old he embarked in the lumber business with his father and continued in that line of trade for the nine succeeding years. During this time he managed to lay by a goodly sum which he invested in property, and in the years that followed he devoted his whole time and energies to the cultivation of his farm, which he brought into fine order and made many improvements upon the place.

December 23, 1875, Mr. Harnish married Miss Mary E. Bostick and they had eleven children, of whom the following survive: Nora W., Samuel S., Ida P., Olive M., Susan L., Joseph C., Jesse C., Mary V. and Marion L. The next to the eldest and the next to the youngest died unnamed in infancy.

On the question of politics Mr. Harnish inclines to the belief of his father and deposits his ballot for Prohibition nominees. He holds membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church and is serving in the offices of Trustee and Steward. He also

succeeded his father as a member of the Camp Meeting Association of this denomination and takes great interest in every department of church work. In personal character his life is marked with integrity and honor and his business dealings have always been thoroughly reliable.



**H**ON. GEORGE FORREST, at present representing his district in the State Legislature, was elected to that honorable position on the Democratic ticket in 1892. Prior to this he was tobacco inspector for F. C. Linde, Hamilton & Co., of New York City. Mr. Forrest was born in Lancaster January 2, 1852, and is the son of Casper Forrest, a native of this county and in turn the son of Joseph Forrest, who was born across the water in England. The latter on emigrating to America located in Lancaster, where he passed the remainder of his life.

The father of our subject was in early life a manufacturer of powder horns, and on abandoning this occupation established himself in the flour and feed business on the corner of West King and Manor Streets. He was very successful in this enterprise and is now living retired in Lancaster, having passed his seventy-fourth year. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and in religious matters belongs to St. John's Lutheran Church. His wife prior to her marriage was Ann Milleysock, a native of Maryland and the daughter of George Milleysock, also born in that state and of German descent. Mrs. Forrest departed this life in 1888.

The parental family included eight children, four of whom are living. Harry served as a soldier in Company K, One Hundred and Twenty-second Pennsylvania Infantry, during the late war, and on returning home engaged in the tobacco business with our subject until his decease. George, of this sketch, attended first the common and afterward the high schools of his native city, and after completing the course served an appren-

ticeship of eighteen months at the printer's trade, working in the office of the *Inquirer*. In 1874 he began working at the tobacco business, but after a twelvemonth thus employed returned to the printing office. Later he went to New Haven, Conn., where he was employed as a clerk in the office of the Superintendent of the New Haven & Hartford Railroad. Thence he removed to Philadelphia, again working at the art preservative until his return to this city in 1877. That year, in company with his brother, he established himself in the tobacco business and was appointed inspector for F. C. Linde, Hamilton & Co., with whom he remained until assuming the duties of his office in the Legislature.

Hon. Mr. Forrest was married November 10, 1881, to Miss Clemmie, daughter of Samuel J. Pool, Superintendent of the Lancaster Cemetery. Their union has resulted in the birth of two children, G. Edward and Harry M. Mr. Forrest has served as a member of the School Board since 1891 and has rendered valuable aid to that body. In 1892 he was nominated, and later elected, to the State Legislature on the Democratic ticket for a term of three years. His long experience as a business man and politician has been of value to him in his legislative career, and his course as a statesman has justified his selection by his constituents.

Socially Mr. Forrest is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Herschel Lodge and Ridgeway Encampment. He also belongs to the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He is very active in the political life of the community and is a member of the Democratic County Committee and the Young Men's Democratic Association.



**G**EORGE BROWN. Whatever the natural resources of a country, or its business facilities, still the history must depend chiefly upon the men who have resided there, and who by their energy and ability have added to the natural attractions and wealth. The subject of

this biography figures prominently among such men. He is a resident of Mt. Joy, where for many years he has been the owner and successful proprietor of a cotton and woolen mill. As a business man he has been very successful, as he possesses that integrity of character and keenness of judgment which have enabled him to attain prosperity.

The son of Benjamin and Hannah (Rollinson) Brown, our subject was born October 31, 1831, in Holmfürth, Yorkshire, England. His father was one of eight children, namely: George, William, Elizabeth, Mary, Mercy, Sarah, Eliza and Benjamin. The latter was the recipient of common school advantages and in early manhood learned the trade of a woolen carder, which he followed at Holmfürth. In religious belief he was a member of the Episcopal Church, and socially was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He died at the age of fifty-seven, and his wife passed away at sixty-five. They were the parents of seven children, namely: George, the subject of this sketch; Mrs. Amanda Battye; William, deceased; Mrs. Emma Booth; Benjamin, Walker and Wilson, deceased.

In the public schools of Yorkshire our subject was a student for some years. Afterward he entered the woolen mills and learned the trade of a carder, which he followed in his native land until his emigration, February 12, 1855, to America. He crossed the ocean, a stranger to all on board ship, and landing in the United States, settled in Trenton, N. J., where he was for two years employed at his trade. Afterward he was similarly engaged in Philadelphia. In 1883 he came to Mt. Joy and embarked in business on his own account, his cotton and woolen factory being located on the site of the present caramel works. There he continued business until 1890, when he bought the large mill at one time owned by the Reaper & Agricultural Implement Company. This he fitted up with the latest improved machinery for the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods, and after running it one year, retired and was succeeded by his sons.

In 1856 occurred the marriage of George Brown and Miss Esther, daughter of William Beardsell,

who lived at Lamb Bank, Yorkshire, England. Ten children were born of this union, namely: Thomas J., Arthur, Walter, Mrs. Sarah Batty, Benjamin; Emma, wife of John Zellers, Postmaster at Mt. Joy, George, Elmer, Mrs. Anna Shelly, and Lillie Amanda, who died in infancy. The family was bereaved by the death of the devoted wife and mother, who passed away September 12, 1873, at the age of forty years.

A liberal and public spirited citizen, Mr. Brown is always ready to contribute of his time and means for the advancement of enterprises calculated to promote the general welfare. His success is the result of his own unaided exertions, for upon coming to America he had neither friends nor capital. However, he was energetic, persevering and industrious, and in due time was rewarded for his indomitable enterprise by the acquirement of a handsome competency. In religion he is an Episcopalian, and having been reared in that faith, still advocates its doctrines.



**W**ILLIAM EDWARD CRIST, editor and proprietor of the *Columbia Daily News* and the *Weekly Courant*, is an able newspaper man, and exerts a marked influence in the affairs of his community. He was born in Decatur, Ill., December 1, 1860, the son of Samuel and Mary C. Crist. The family is of German descent, the first representative in America having come from the Fatherland in the eighteenth century, and made settlement in Elizabethtown, Lancaster County.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, George H. Crist, was born in Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pa., about 1810. He was given a fair education for that early day, and when ready to establish in life on his own account, began farming in his native county. Upon his estate of one hundred and ten acres he passed his remaining years. After the formation of the Republican

party, he supported its principles as long as he lived. In religious belief he was a devoted member of the United Brethren Church. He married Miss Anna Gerhart, a native of Lancaster County.

George H. Crist lived but a few years after the birth of his son, and by the death of the wife and mother six years later, Samuel was left an orphan, at the age of twelve years. He then made his home with an uncle, and was given a common-school education. When old enough he followed the blacksmith's trade, which he followed the greater part of his life. Shortly after mastering the occupation, he married Miss Mary Catherine Cleverstine, then removed to Illinois and made his home in Decatur for two years. On his return to Lancaster County he engaged in the business of carriage and coach making. His death occurred October 31, 1892, at the age of fifty-two years. He was a life-long and active member of the United Brethren Church, and was beloved by the people among whom he lived. His good wife preceded him to the better land a few months, having died November 19, 1891, at the age of forty-nine. She too was a consistent member of the United Brethren Church, and was active in all good works in her neighborhood.

The subject of this sketch attended the public schools until a youth of seventeen years, when he turned his attention to the printer's trade, learning the business in Greencastle and Philadelphia. For several years he worked at the case in the principal eastern cities, after which he returned to Greencastle, Pa., and engaged in the hat and gentlemen's furnishing goods business, which he conducted for five years, and then disposed of the stock. At that time the editor of the *Valley Echo* in Greencastle became incapacitated for active work, and Mr. Crist was engaged to conduct the business of the office where he had served his apprenticeship. He continued in that capacity until 1889, when he removed to Columbia.

In December of the above year, Mr. Crist purchased a one-half interest in the *Columbia Daily News* and the *Weekly Courier*, and two years later bought out his partner, since which time he has been alone. The *News* is a sound family paper, containing articles on current topics and corres-

pondence from various localities in the county. The paper is now in the seventh year of its existence, and is the pioneer penny daily in this county. In politics it is independent, and its readers know that when Mr. Crist supports or disapproves any one, he is actuated solely by conscientious motives, and does so only after careful consideration.

A well equipped job printing department is operated in connection with the newspapers, and in 1891, finding his rapidly growing business outstripping his facilities, Mr. Crist decided to build a permanent home for his publications, the outcome of which is the *Daily News* Printing House, a handsome three-story building of maroon colored brick, with brown stone trimmings. It is one hundred and thirty-five feet deep, and is especially adapted to the printing business. It is one of the finest and most attractive structures in Columbia.

Mr. Crist is a stockholder in many of the important enterprises in Columbia, is a member of different societies and organizations, and is conducting his business on a paying basis. Politically he is, and always has been, a staunch Republican, but has never sought nor accepted political office, preferring to be free from any entrapping influences. In 1881 he married Ida C., only daughter of Samuel and Nannie Smith, residents of Greencastle, Pa. Three children have been born to them, Elva B., Edward Nevin and Nannie C.



**M**ILTON S. HERSHEY, President of the Lancaster Caramel Company, was born in Derry Church and reared in Lancaster County, where he obtained his education in the public schools. He is the son of Henry H. Hershey, a native of the same county. The grandfather, Jacob Hershey, was a farmer of the old style type. Three brothers came from Switzerland to America and located in Lancaster County, our subject's father being one of the three brothers. Our sub-

ject's mother's maiden name was Fanny Snovely, born near New Danville, the daughter of Abraham Snovely, a native of Lancaster County, and who was a miller by trade.

In 1876 our subject went to Philadelphia, where he engaged in the manufacture of confectionery, and there continued six years, after which he traveled in different states in the Union, and finally engaged in business in New York as a caramel manufacturer. He deemed it wise to remove his plant to Lancaster, where he has increased his business and employs a large number of men. In 1891 William L. Blair became his partner, the firm being styled Hershey & Blair, and in February, 1894, the concern was incorporated as the Lancaster Caramel Company with M. S. Hershey President and William L. Blair Secretary. The incorporators of this company are M. S. Hershey, William L. Blair, E. M. Robinson (General Superintendent), C. H. Kleinbach, of Chicago, and Frank D. Snovely, of Chicago. This plant is located on Church and Duke Streets, where they have a four story building 104x207 feet in size. The factory is run by steam power, employing a thirty horse-power engine. To give the reader some conception of the magnitude of this concern, it only needs to be said that eight hundred hands are employed. Caramels and chocolates are their specialty; they also operate a factory at Mt. Joy, where they employ about one hundred hands, and a factory at No. 119 West Harrison Street, Chicago, employing four hundred hands in a seven story building; they also have another factory at Geneva, Ill., employing one hundred hands. The original business was started in the city of Lancaster and has grown to reach wonderful proportions. The machinery employed is of their own invention and is all covered by patents. Their trade mark is "Crystal A." These goods are shipped to all parts of the world, including Japan, China, Australia and Europe. The capital stock of this concern is \$600,000, all paid up, and they do over a \$1,000,000 worth of business per annum.

In conclusion it only needs to be said that Milton S. Hershey has made a complete success of life thus far, and is the President of the largest concern of this kind in the world. Politically,

Mr. Hershey is a firm supporter of the Republican party, and no man stands higher in business and social circles in the city of Lancaster than this man, who has been crowned with success.



**H**ENRY STAUFFER MUSSER, one of the leading business men of Marietta, was born near this city, July 16, 1820, being a son of Jacob and Martha (Stauffer) Musser. His ancestors, both paternal and maternal, were of German origin, but both families have been represented in America for several generations. Grandfather Henry Musser, who for a number of years resided in Lancaster County, engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, and being a man of great energy and perseverance, he gained a commendable degree of success. In religious faith he was what is termed a River Brethren. He died and his remains were interred in a cemetery near Rowenna.

Jacob Musser, father of our subject, was born near Rowenna. His life occupation was that of agriculture, and he was numbered among the progressive farmers and loyal citizens of his community. In politics he affiliated with the Whigs, and was well informed concerning topics of current interest. His death occurred at the early age of thirty-two years. His family numbered six children, named: Henry S., Anna, Lizzie, Martha, Jacob and Abram. Of these the first named, our subject, was reared to manhood upon the home farm, receiving a practical education in the district schools.

In 1842 Mr. Musser embarked in the lumber business, which he has made his life occupation, meeting with success in the management of his business affairs. He still conducts a large and profitable trade in this line, and is thoroughly informed regarding every detail of the work. He owns some valuable real estate in Marietta, and in addition is a Director in the First National Bank of this place and in the Turnpike Company.



He is also interested in the water company. Politically he supports the principles of the Republican party, and has taken an active part in public affairs, displaying a commendable interest in the welfare of the county and of his fellow-citizens. For six years he was a member of the Prison Board of Lancaster County, and he has also served as School Director.

The marriage of Mr. Musser, which occurred in the year 1847, united him with Miss Anna M. Criseinger, of this county. Five children born of their union are now living, and four are deceased. Stephen, the eldest, is engaged as clerk for A. N. Casul & Son; Elizabeth is the wife of Charles Johnston, of Philadelphia; E. Stanton is employed in the Pennsylvania depot at Columbia; Lincoln assists his father in the lumber business; Anna and Frank are deceased; Ada is Mrs. J. G. Steiner, of Jefferson County, Pa. The family is held in the highest esteem socially, and its members are recognized as among the worthiest citizens of Marietta.



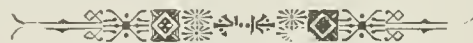
**C**ARPENTER WEIDLER, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon, is located for practice in Mechanicsburg. He is the son of Dr. Isaac and Catherine (Gealbaugh) Weidler, and was born May 31, 1829. The father was also a physician of considerable note, being a graduate from the Jefferson Medical College. He first located for practice at Bareville, but shortly after came to Mechanicsburg, where he built up a lucrative trade and resided until his decease in 1885, in the eighty-first year of his age. He stood high in the profession and was a member in good standing of the Lancaster County Medical Society. In politics he was a supporter of Democratic principles, believing that party to be in the right, and in religious affairs he was connected by membership with the Reformed Church.

The mother of our subject by her union with Dr. Isaac Weidler became the mother of four sons and two daughters, of whom our subject was the eldest:

Benjamin F., deceased; Annie; George W.; Milton, and Mary. Benjamin was a resident of Portland, Oregon, where he was employed on board the vessel "George M. Wright" as purser. The boat plied between Portland and Alaska, and on the third trip was lost with all on board. Benjamin was a member of an artillery company in the Southern Confederacy during the late war. George W. Weidler is engaged as a lumber merchant in Portland, Oregon, where he also owns a sawmill, and is well-to-do; Milton is Collector of Internal Revenues, and also makes his home in Portland, and Mary is the wife of George Hullinger, of Kansas City, Mo. The mother of this family died when forty-one years of age. She was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and active in all good works in her neighborhood.

The original of this sketch supplemented the knowledge gained in the common schools by a course at Franklin and Marshall College of Lancaster. Deciding to follow a professional life, he read medicine in the office of his honored father, after which he entered the Pennsylvania Medical College of Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the Class of '50. He immediately established in this city for practice and now commands an extensive patronage, and has accumulated a handsome property. He is one of the oldest practitioners in the place and as such his advice is often sought and followed.

In 1864 Dr. Weidler and Miss Eliza, daughter of David Good, were united in marriage. To them have been born two children, Ida M. and Ella, at home with their parents. In politics the Doctor is a Democrat and is universally esteemed.



**A**BRAHAM ROHRER. A compendium of biographical sketches of Lancaster County would be incomplete without an outline of the life of the above gentleman, who is one of the oldest residents within its bounds. He is now in the eighty-second year of his age and is living retired from active work, in the possession of a

competence which was gained by toiling early and late in developing his tract of land.

Our subject is the son of Jacob and Anna (Hartman) Rohrer, and was born in East Lampeter Township, this county, August 4, 1813. The family is of Swiss origin, the first representative settling in America many generations ago. Grandfather Isaac Rohrer was a farmer in the above township and married Miss Elizabeth Groff, by whom he became the father of the following children: Jacob, John, Martin, Isaac, Henry, Abraham and Mary. Christian Hartman, the maternal grandfather of our subject, lived to be eighty-seven years of age, dying in 1829.

Jacob Rohrer was also born in this township, in the year 1780, and spent his entire life here, passing away in the year 1866. He was a farmer and owned a tract of two hundred acres, which he industriously cultivated, making it one of the best in the locality. In politics he was a staunch Republican and took an active part in public affairs, serving for many years as Trustee of the School Board. Like his ancestors, he belonged to the Old Mennonite Church and wielded a decided influence throughout his community and even beyond the vicinity of his home.

The mother of our subject was the daughter of Christian Hartman, and by her union with Jacob Rohrer there were born three daughters and two sons. Maria is the widow of the late Christian Johns; Elizabeth was the next in order of birth; Abraham is the subject of this sketch; Anna is the widow of Peter Johns, of this township, and Jacob is the fifth. The mother lived to be eighty-one years of age, and died in 1869.

The original of this sketch secured a good education, and until his retirement in 1874, followed agricultural pursuits all his life. As before stated, he is one of the oldest residents in the county and commenced life for himself upon an unimproved tract of land. Of his success he may truly be proud, for it is evidence of an industrious and enterprising life, characterized by perseverance and good management.

In 1836 Abraham Rohrer was married to Miss Susan, daughter of Abraham Denlinger, and to them has been born a family of five children:

Abram, Jr., John, Henry, Benjamin, and Anna, who is the wife of Jacob Landis. Our subject is a member in good standing of the Old Mennonite Church, and in politics has voted with the Republican party since its organization.



**I**SRAEL G. ERB, of Lititz, is a representative of a very old family in the Keystone State, his paternal great-great-grandfather having been one of three brothers who came from Switzerland prior to the War of the Revolution, locating on land in this county. From that day his descendants have been engaged in agricultural pursuits down to the present time, and have been noted for their industrious, upright and energetic lives. The subject of this biography has taken a leading part in many of the enterprises and industries of the community in which he makes his home. The old homestead, which has been handed down for several generations, is owned and conducted by him. It is situated in Penn Township and is a valuable place, having been brought under fine cultivation, and has substantial improvements upon it. Among the many companies in which Mr. Erb has invested are the Lititz National Bank, of which he is Vice-President, and which was incorporated in 1880 with a capital stock of \$105,000; the Agricultural Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he is now Treasurer and was formerly President; the Lancaster and Lititz Turnpike Company and the Penn Township Insurance Company, which was organized in 1860, and in which he has served for twenty-one years as Secretary.

The birth of Israel G. Erb occurred September 12, 1843, his parents being David W. and Catherine (Groff) Erb. Both father and son were born on the old homestead in Penn Township, of this county, the former March 4, 1819. He was a farmer during his entire active life in Penn Township and there his death occurred in July, 1885. In religion he was an adherent of the Mennonite Church, and politically was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, when he joined its

ranks. About 1840 he married Miss Catherine, daughter of John Groff, of the Hunts Groff family, of Groffdale, of this county, who were also of the Mennonite faith. In the family of David W. were two daughters and one son. Maria became the wife of Christian Kreiter, now of Lincoln, Lancaster County. Adaline is the wife of John Brubaker, who lives near the same place. The mother of these children is still living and active in the work of the Mennonite Church, though about seventy-three years of age. Daniel, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of what is now Penn Township, was one of the pillars and leading men of the Mennonite denomination, and was a successful and extensive agriculturist. His wife, Mary Witwer, was a cousin of General Witwer, of wide and honorable fame. Daniel Erb had four sons and four daughters, of whom David was the eldest. His death occurred in 1886, at the age of over eighty years.

Israel G. Erb, of this sketch, received a good common school education and was brought up to a practical and intimate knowledge of farm labor. In order to acquire a higher education he entered Lititz Academy in 1861, being under the instruction of Prof. John Beck, with whom he pursued a course of higher mathematics and civil engineering. After leaving school he taught for a few years, and in 1866 returned to his studies for a short time in the academy. Since that time he has been engaged in surveying and also has given much labor and care to the proper management of his fine farm and other business investments. For eight years he has been a School Director and in educational measures and ideas, perhaps more than in any other direction, he has always been interested, using his influence in the promotion of higher systems of instruction and better teachers. In his political faith he is a staunch Republican, and in 1882 was elected jury commissioner of Lancaster County.

The marriage of Mr. Erb was celebrated October 29, 1867, with Sarah Reist, by whom he has had five daughters. Emma is the wife of Martin G. Hess, Cashier of the Keystone National Bank of Mannheim. Mary R., Katie (deceased), Minnie and Annie Laurie are the other members of the family. The father of Mrs. Erb, John Reist, was a prosperous farmer who owned a tract of land in Penn Town-

ship. Mr. Erb is a member of the Mennonite Church and is greatly interested in the affairs of his denomination, in every way endeavoring to promote its good.



**A**MOS BOWMAN, President of the Marietta Hollow Ware and Enameling Company, and Vice-President of the First National Bank of Marietta, is one of the leading business men of the place. He was born in Columbia, Lancaster County, August 10, 1837, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Parker) Bowman. The Bowman family have resided in this county for three generations, their ancestors having emigrated hither in an early day and settled in the vicinity of Lampeter, where Grandfather Bowman spent his entire life. He was a farmer by occupation, was highly respected and regarded as one of the best informed men of his day.

Joseph Bowman, father of our subject, was born April 11, 1810, and was reared on the old farm near Lampeter, receiving a common school education and assisting his father in tilling the soil. Becoming dissatisfied with farm life, he decided to try his fortunes elsewhere. He first found employment on the Pennsylvania Railroad as conductor on a freight train, but this occupation being uncongenial, he soon abandoned it and went to Millersville, where he embarked in the mercantile business. After some time spent there he removed to Petersburg and engaged in the hotel business, where he remained for several years. Being of a genial disposition, and having a kind word and pleasant smile for every one, he made many warm friends who never forgot "mine host" or the pleasant hours and good dinners they enjoyed at his hotel.

We next find Joseph Bowman clerking for J. H. Kurtz, of Lancaster, with whom he remained until he was elected Prothonotary. For three years he faithfully served in this capacity, giving satisfaction to all, and became widely known and respected throughout the county. Six children were born to his marriage, five of whom are still

living, namely: Amanda, Amos, Samuel, Joseph and Adaline, the latter being the wife of L. D. Graves, a merchant of Columbus, Ohio. In 1860, Mr. Bowman removed with his family to Ohio, where he again followed farming, but is now living retired in Forest, a beautiful town in that state, enjoying the rest he so well deserves. He has always taken an active part in politics, and a deep interest in the Republican party, of which he is a staunch supporter. The Methodist Episcopal Church finds in him a consistent member and faithful officer.

Amos Bowman, the subject of this sketch, spent his boyhood days in Columbia, Lancaster and Petersburg, attending the public schools of those places, and later entering the high school of Lancaster, where he finished his education. Soon after leaving school he entered the Farmers' Bank of Lancaster, remaining there nine years. In 1863 he came to Marietta and accepted the position of Cashier of the First National Bank of this place, it being the first bank of that order in the United States. For twenty-five years he honorably filled this position, possessing the esteem of his fellow-officers in the bank, and the respect of the entire community.

In 1888 Mr. Bowman resigned his position as Cashier and took charge of the estate of James Duffy, also becoming manager of the Marietta Hollow Ware Company. He was soon after elected President of the company and still holds that position. He is a Director in the water company, the building and loan association, and is Vice-President of the First National Bank. In connection with other interests he was one of the leading agitators of the electric road from Marietta to Lancaster, and from Marietta to Maytown, but the franchise was secured by another company, so that enterprise was abandoned. He is also interested in the Marietta and Mt. Joy, Marietta and Maytown, and Maytown and Elizabethtown Turnpike Companies, being a Director in each.

Mr. Bowman married Miss Rachel, daughter of John Davis, of Wilmington, Del. Five children blessed this union, but only two survive, namely: Mary, the wife of James B. Hanna, of Columbus, Ohio; and Joseph, who is employed in

his father's office. Henry Davis died in May, 1889, and the other two children died in infancy. In political matters our subject has always taken an active part, and the Republican party has always found in him a friend and staunch supporter. In every enterprise pertaining to the welfare of his home locality he is always first to take an active part, and by his energy, push and public spirit has done much to make the town of Marietta what it now is. Socially he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.



JOHN S. STAHR, Ph. D., D. D., President of Franklin and Marshall College, is a gentleman widely known for his scholarly attainments, and the institution with which he is connected is singularly fortunate in having so able a man at its head. Since he accepted his present responsible position he has carried into effect many of his practical and progressive ideas, and under his wise management the college is becoming even more widely known and highly esteemed than formerly.

Dr. Stahr was born in Haycock Township, Bucks County, near Quakertown, December 2, 1841. His father and paternal grandfather, whose Christian names were also John, were born in Milford, Bucks County, while his great-grandfather, a native of Germany, settled near Germantown, Pa. For several generations the family have been honest and industrious tillers of the soil, and have sought to live in harmony with God and their fellow-men. The Doctor's father, John Stahr, in addition to operating his farm, was also a teacher. He died on the old homestead at Applebachsville when about sixty-eight years of age. He was a very influential man in his community, in politics a Democrat, and in religion an active member and Elder of the Reformed Church. His wife, Sarah (Summers) Stahr, was born in Tincicum, Bucks County, and was a daughter of Lewis Summers, a farmer of Tincicum Township, who when quite young, in Hilltown Township, entered the Colonial army

during the Revolutionary War and served under Washington. The family name was originally spelled Sommers.

Our subject's parents had five sons and one daughter, but only two of the number are now living, namely: Rev. I. S. Stahr, of Friedensburg, Berks County, and Dr. Stahr, our subject. The latter resided upon the home farm until he was about fifteen years of age, and pursued his studies in the public schools of his native district. When nearly sixteen he commenced to teach, and by hard work at home and in the Bucks County Normal and Classical School he made his way, until he took high rank in his profession. In September, 1865, he entered the junior class of Franklin and Marshall College, and two years later was graduated therefrom with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Three years afterward the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by his Alma Mater. It was his intention after graduation to enter the Theological Seminary, but as a vacancy occurred in the faculty of the college at that time, he accepted the position which was offered him, and was Assistant Professor from 1867 to 1871. He took up theology under the late Dr. J. Williamson Nevin, and was ordained to the ministry at Reading in 1872. For about a year he was Assistant to Dr. Bausman, of that place, in the First Reformed Church, and was subsequently invited to accept the pastorate, but declined the offer.

In 1871 Dr. Stahr became Professor of Sciences in Franklin and Marshall College, and acceptably filled that place for the ensuing eighteen years. On the expiration of this time he was for a year Acting President, and finally, in 1890, was elected President. While holding the chair of Natural Science, he was Treasurer of the faculty from 1874, and he still serves in that capacity. He has shown himself to be an able financier, and has been instrumental in raising funds both for general endowment and for improvements in the way of new buildings and better equipments.

In 1872 Professor Stahr was married in this city to Miss Francina E. Andrews, who was born in Colerain, this county, and is a daughter of Hon. Hugh and Francina (Wilson) Andrews. Her father was formerly a representative of this district

in the State Legislature. The Andrews family is of Scotch-Irish descent. To Dr. and Mrs. Stahr were born five children, namely: Helen R., who is a member of the Class of '94 in Wellesley College; John M., deceased; Charles P., of the Franklin and Marshall Class of '97; Mary Belle and Hugh A.

In addition to his responsible duties as President and Treasurer, Dr. Stahr is Professor of mental and moral science, psychology and ethics. His influence has been felt in a most marked way for good during the many years he has been identified with the college, and with pupils and citizens alike he is very popular and much beloved.

Franklin and Marshall College is such an old and influential institution, that it needs no particular mention to the residents and adjoining states, for its reputation has always been so high in the educational field that there must be few indeed who have not heard its praises sung. Franklin College was established in Lancaster in 1787, and named after Dr. Benjamin Franklin, who contributed liberally to its endowment. Marshall College was established by the Reformed Church at Mercersburg in 1836. The two institutions were consolidated by an act of the State Legislature, the union taking effect in 1853. The college buildings are beautifully located on an eminence within the city limits, in the midst of twenty-two acres of finely shaded grounds. The main building contains class rooms, chapel, library and reading rooms, and grouped around it are the various useful and architecturally fine buildings, which are used for the different departments of college work. A special feature of the work is the training of students in the true spirit of the Christian religion, though no sectarian restraints are imposed upon them.



COL. B. FRANK ESHLEMAN, who was formerly on the staff of ex-Governor Beaver, is one of the most prominent and successful lawyers of the Lancaster County Bar; at one time he was District Attorney of the county, and is very well known in all circles. In 1886 he erected the struc-

ture known as Eshleman's Building on North Duke Street, where there are twelve commodious law offices, occupying two stories, and a public hall is situated on the third floor. As a lawyer he has been in great demand for twenty years, having been called upon to defend about eighteen murderers, and owing to his knowledge of technical points and general ability, not one of the number suffered the extreme penalty. A very active Republican, his influence has been felt in political ways, and a few years ago he was a candidate in a convention for a member of Congress.

The subject of this article was born in East Lampeter Township, March 10, 1848. His father was Benjamin Eshleman, and the same name was borne by his grandfather and great-grandfather. Going back another generation further we find that one Jacob, of German descent, came from Switzerland, making a settlement in Lampeter Township, this being about 1710. He took up a large tract of land and was one of the pioneers; his descendants just mentioned were all born in the same township. On arriving at man's estate he married Fannie, daughter of Rev. John Herr, a minister of the Mennonite Church. The property known as Eshleman's Mill was carried on by the Colonel's father for many years, and about 1870 he settled in Lancaster, where he engaged in banking until he retired from business cares. Formerly an old line Whig, he later became a straight Republican. His demise occurred when he was in his seventieth year, in 1877.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Gyger. She was born in Lampeter Township, May 27, 1814, and is still living in this city, though nearly eighty years of age. Her father, John Gyger, was a native of Radnor, Delaware County, Pa., and was of German descent. He farmed extensively, being the owner of six or seven tracts of land, and was one of the wealthiest bankers and agriculturists in the county at his death. When the National Bank was instituted he converted his private bank into a national concern, and was the first President of the First National Bank of Lancaster. He was politically a Whig and a Republican. When he died in 1871, he was nearly four-score years of age.

In a family of two sons and two daughters the Colonel is next to the youngest. His brother, John G., was drowned when only twenty-three years old, on an excursion to Cape May in 1855. His sister Marian, now deceased, was the wife of J. E. Hiester, an attorney, and Elizabeth became the wife of Martin Bates, of this city. Until fourteen years old, B. Frank Eshleman lived on his father's farm, attending the common schools, and then entered the Preparatory Department of Dawingtown Academy. When sixteen he was enrolled as a student in Haverford College, near Philadelphia, and was graduated in 1860 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, subsequently receiving that of Master of Arts. On his twenty-first birthday he began the study of law with I. E. Hiester, a leading attorney and ex-Member of Congress, who is on record as a Free Soiler in the Kansas and Nebraska controversy. In the spring of 1871 the young student was admitted to the Bar in Lancaster, and struck out for himself as a general attorney, being for a time confined to common law practice. From 1878 to 1881 he was District Attorney, discharging his duties to the entire satisfaction of his constituents, and since then has had all he could attend to as a criminal lawyer. His office is on the first floor of Eshleman's Law Building, which is one of the finest in the city. In addition to this he owns three farms in this county which he superintends himself, and other valuable property both inside and out of the city. He is President of the Lancaster and Willianstown Turnpike Company, a stockholder in the Farmers' National Bank and also in the Pennsylvania Traction Railroad Company.

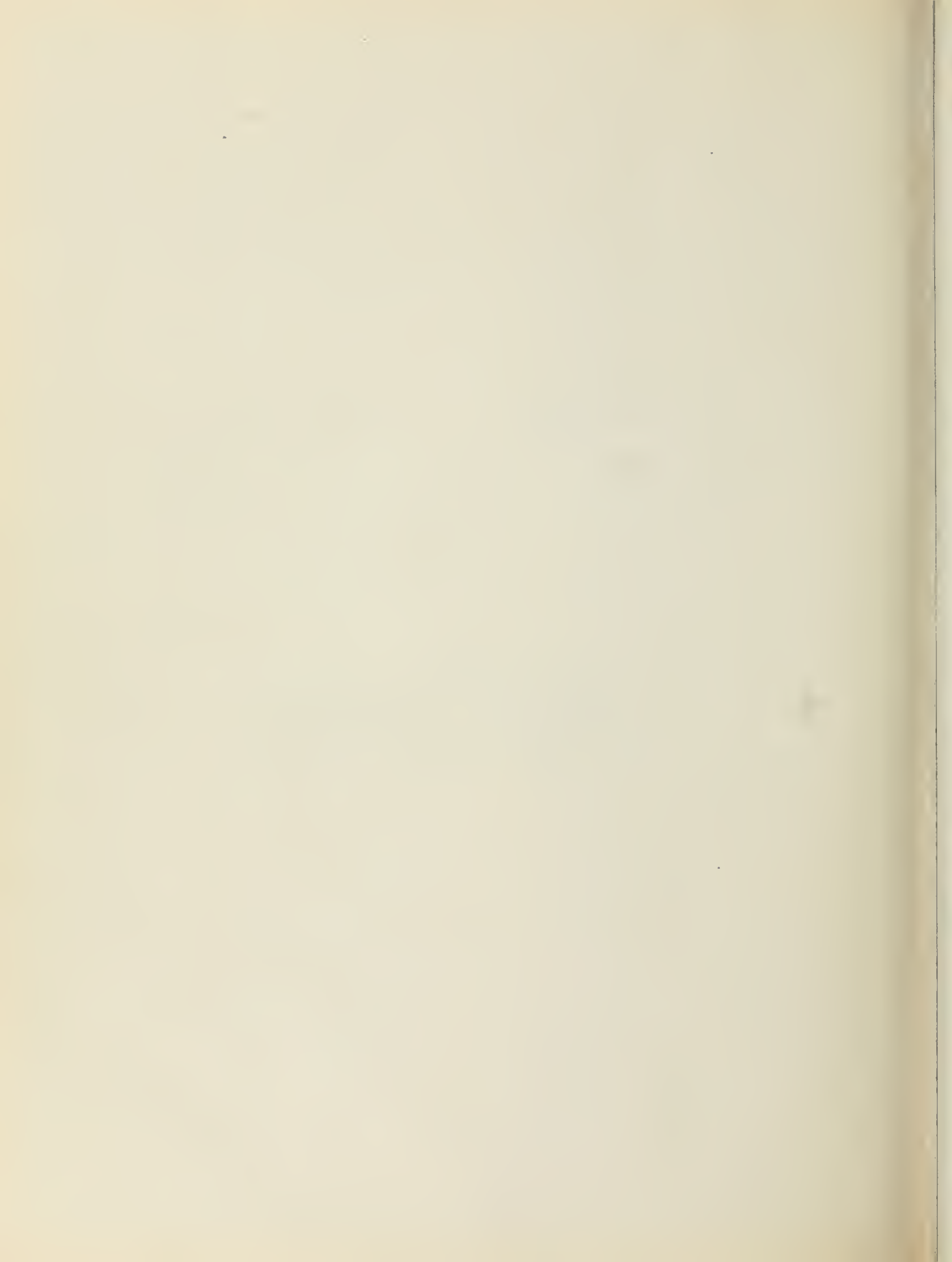
In 1876 the Colonel was married in Towanda, Pa., to Mary, daughter of the late Chief Justice Ulysses Mercur, of this state. The lady was born in Towanda, and by her marriage has become the mother of six children, to each of whom has been given the middle name of Mercur, and in order of birth they are as follows: Mary, Frank, Ulysses, Benjamin, Rodney and Amy. Chief Justice Mercur was a very prominent and able statesman and lawyer, having been a Member of Congress and a Representative in the House, from which he rose at last to be Chief Justice of Pennsylvania.

A staunch Republican, Colonel Eshleman has fre-

quently served as a delegate to state conventions and was the youngest delegate to the National Convention at Cincinnati in 1876, when Hayes was nominated. He is the President of the Young Men's Republican Club, and has been Chairman of the County Republican Standing Committee. In a social way, he belongs to Lamberton Lodge No.

476, F. & A. M., in which he has passed all the chairs; is a member of Chapter No. 43, R. A. M.; Knight Templar Commandery No. 13, Lodge of Perfection. For fifteen years he has been Vestryman, and an active worker in St. James' Episcopal Church, and in every rank in life numbers scores of warm personal friends.









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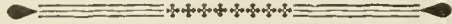
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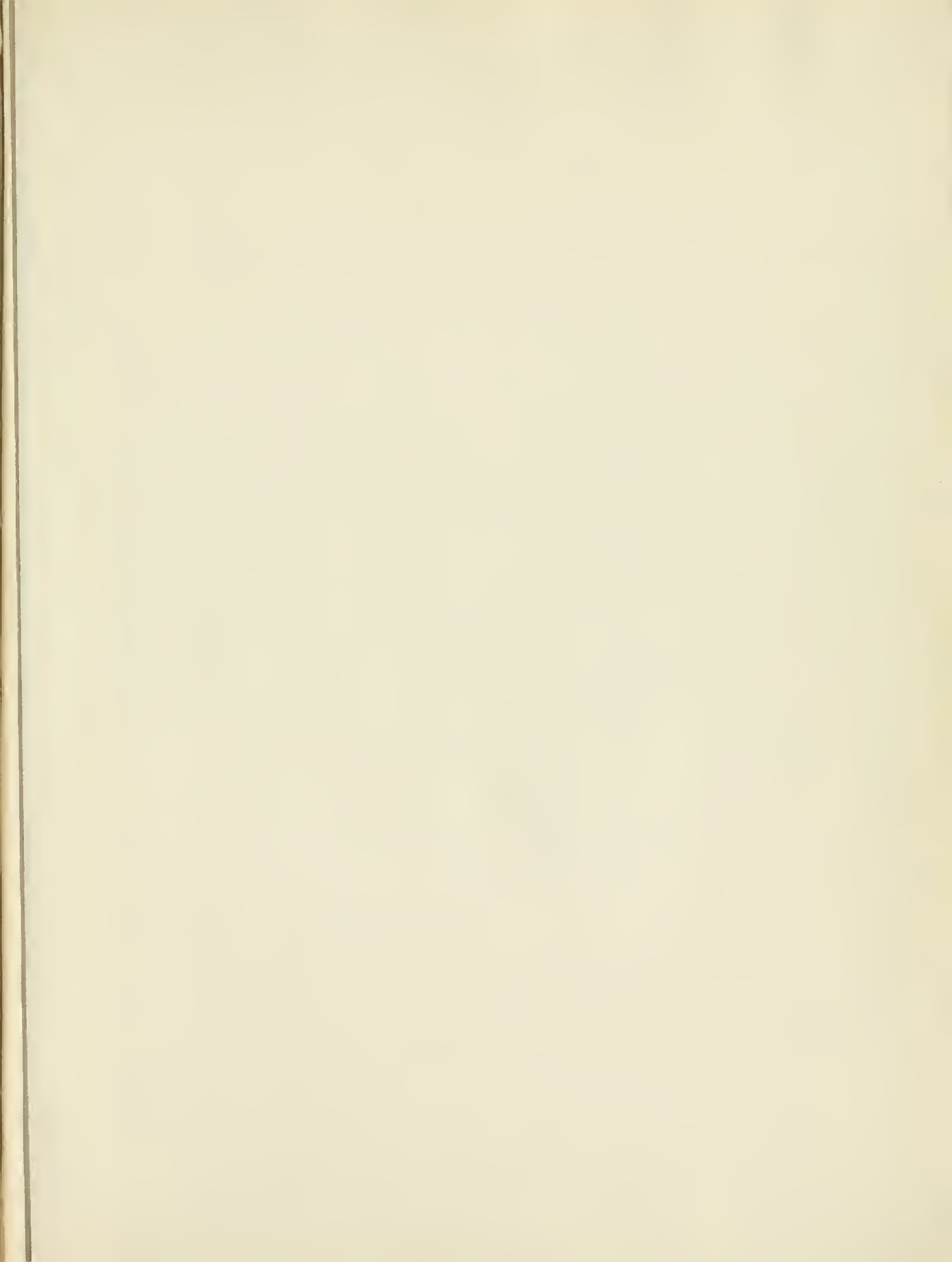


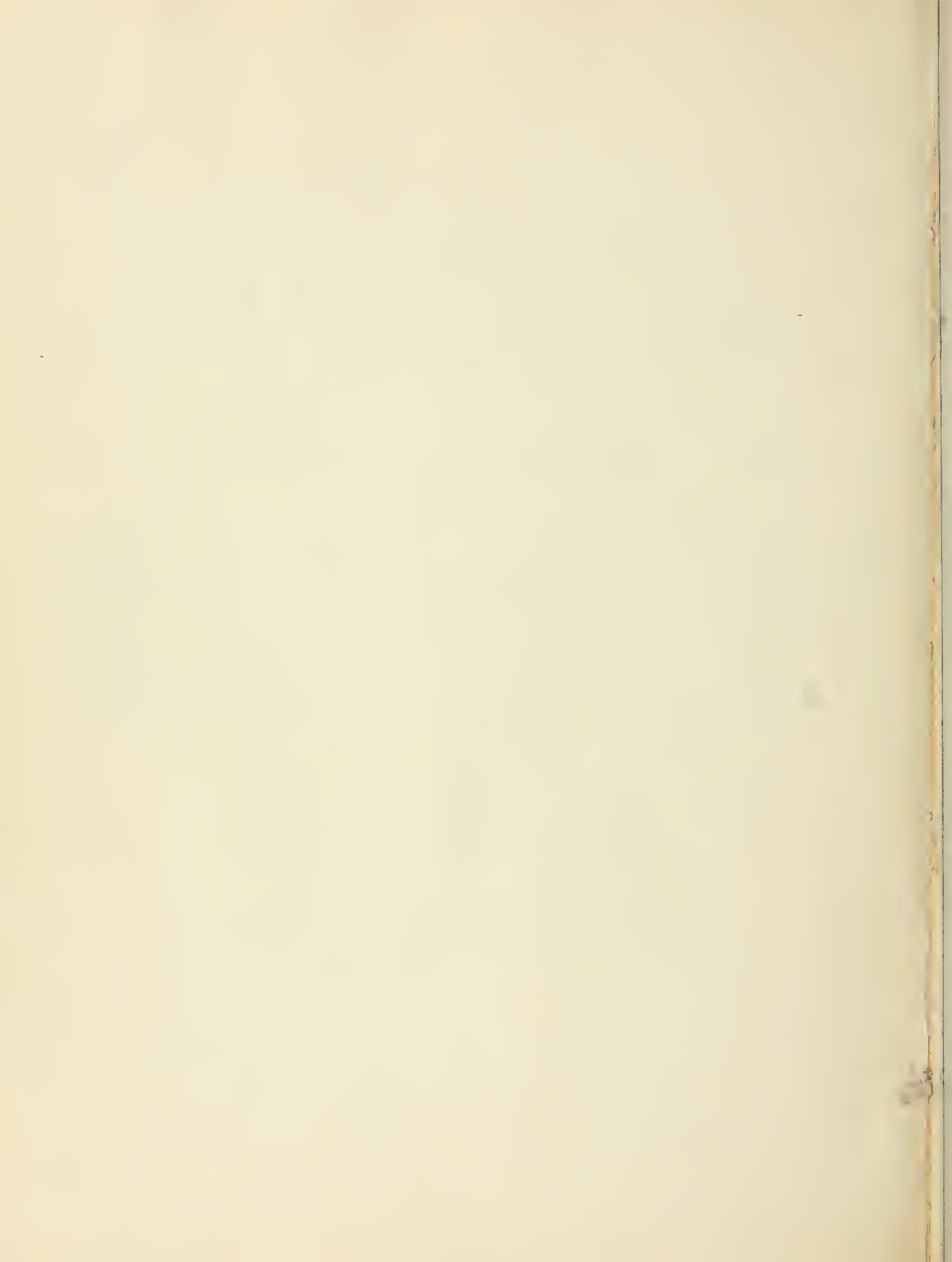
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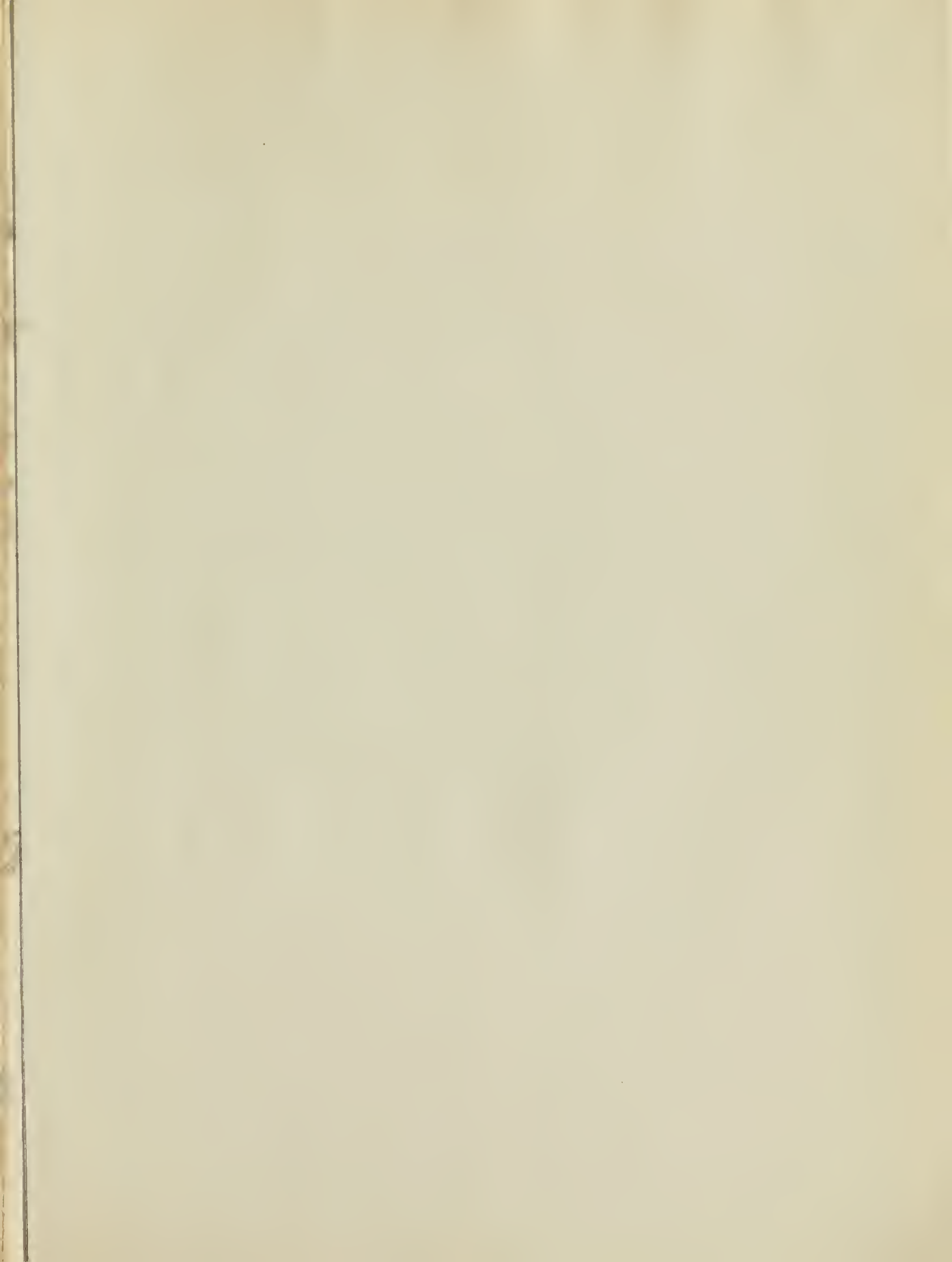


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